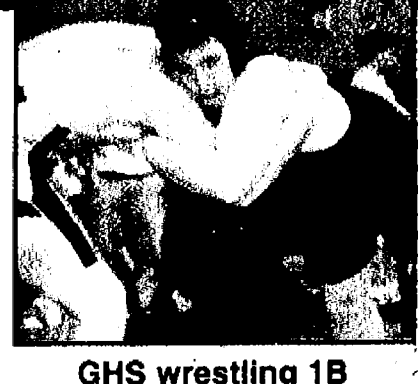




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## School board hears more from Frederic

► Township passes resolution stating closure will be 'devastating'

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The January meeting of the Crawford AuSable School Board was held in the Grayling Elementary gym to accommodate the approximately 90 people who came to show their opposition to the proposed closing of Frederic Elementary.

Superintendent Milli Haug said it is with a heavy heart but a clear mind that she formally recommends the closure of Frederic Elementary. She cited declining enrollment as well as the need to cut next year's budget by at least \$1.3 million.

After the recommendation, members of the audience were given 30 minutes to address the board.

Lewis Madill, of Frederic, presented the board with a list of 34 questions generated from a meeting of concerned citizens of the Frederic area. The questions ranged from specific budgetary questions to how to send children to a neighboring district.

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## Woman's journey is proof: welfare reform works

► Heather Van Pelt named state's FIA 'Achiever of the Month'

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Before an audience of more than 30 people, a local woman accepted with much gratitude the Family Independence Agency's (FIA) statewide Achiever of the Month Award.

Established in 1993, the award recognizes people who have made "outstanding progress toward self-sufficiency under Michigan's comprehensive welfare reform initiative, To Strengthen Michigan Families."

Heather Van Pelt, who received assistance from the agency off and on since 1995, has become her own woman, thanks to the help and support she received from staffers in the Crawford County office. She is the 110th recipient of the award.

"The support I received from everyone here helped me go on to a better future," Van Pelt said. "I didn't want to create a legacy of welfare for my daughter; I was determined to make a better life for Kristin."

In 1995, Van Pelt signed up for help at the Lapeer County office and received Medicaid and some financial assistance.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Heather Van Pelt (center) said she couldn't have gotten off of public assistance without the support of many people, including her boss Arlene Musakka (left), best friend Pam Studer (right) and her six-year old daughter, Kristin (front).

By 1999, with no home, no car, no job and no high school diploma, she found herself struggling to make it day to day. She took her mother and stepfather up on their offer of shelter

and moved into their home in Grayling. She also moved her public assistance case to the local FIA office.

Crawford County FIA Director Cynthia Pushman said

at the January 17 ceremony, Van Pelt showed the desire to change her life, to become independent.

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## Testimony sheds light on death of local man

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 19-year old Grayling woman waived her right to a preliminary examination and pled guilty recently to delivery of a controlled substance. Her sworn testimony revealed the drug she "delivered" may have played a key role in the death of one of her friends.

Stephanie Sue Mitchell entered the guilty plea to the drug charge in 46th Circuit Trial Court before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy on January 9. She also pled guilty to felony breaking and entering with the intent to commit robbery after reaching an agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss to dismiss a number of charges pending in 83rd District Court.

Charges included breaking and entering, felonious assault, stealing a vehicle, aiding and abetting, and drunk driving.

Huss said Mitchell racked up the charges during a crime spree last fall when she and a few of her friends broke into the home of a friend and another home on Richardson Road in Grayling Township, stealing three televisions and some lights. One of the televisions was later sold to a

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## City sets date for DDA public hearing

► Downtown Development Authority meeting set for February 26

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

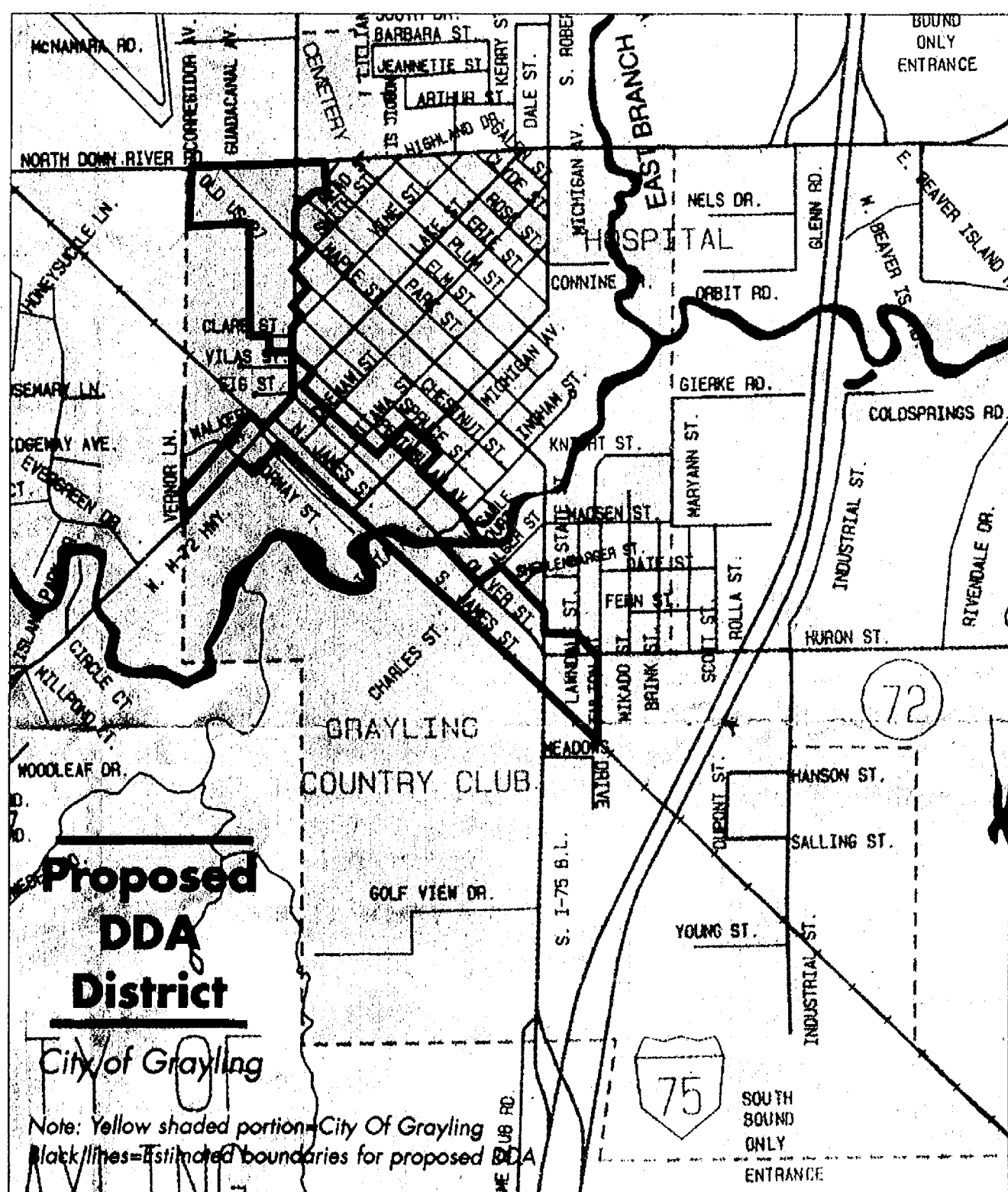
The Grayling City Council took another step toward establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in Grayling by issuing a resolution of intent and setting a date for the required public hearing last Monday.

About a year ago, the council created a five-person committee to look into the DDA issue. The committee has met several times, and last week the group brought a proposed district to the council and recommended the city move forward by having a public hearing.

A DDA can be set up by a city, village, or township. Its main source of revenue is Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - the DDA captures increases in property tax revenue within the district. The school district's taxes

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The tentative district for the proposed Downtown Development Authority under consideration at the City of Grayling is enclosed in black on the above map of the city. A public hearing - which has been set for February 26 - must be held before the council can vote to establish a DDA.

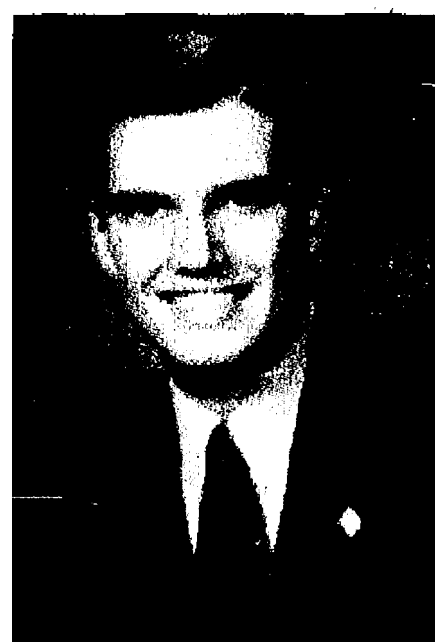
## Grayling grad begins political climb

At this weekend's statewide Republican Convention in Grand Rapids, Grayling native and 2000 Grayling High School graduate, Sam Moore, will be seeking the position of Third Vice Chair. As Third Vice Chair, Moore would be responsible for coordinating all Republican youth activities across the state.

Moore, age 21, decided to run for the seat after serving as Vice President and Treasurer of the Grand Valley State University College Republicans, where he attends school. "Having held various leadership positions in a number of student and political organizations, I have realized the importance of increased youth involvement," said Moore.

Also playing a role in his decision to lead Michigan's youth was Moore's recent involvement in the successful campaign of State Senator Tony Stamas. "Sam played a vital role in coordinating a number of volunteer efforts in northern Michigan -- his enthusiasm and leadership skills will go a long way in improving and motivating the next generation of our Republican leaders," said Stamas.

Stamas, along with Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland), Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds Anne Norlander (R-Battle Creek), and Heather Posthumus



Sam Moore

will be among those in support of Moore at the convention.

On Friday, January 24, Moore, with Congressman Camp and Posthumus providing the introductions, will address each of Michigan's 15 congressional district caucuses. On Saturday, Moore will stand before over 2,000 state delegates to convey his message for a new, improved youth program.

Senator Stamas will give the nominating speech with a second to the nomination by Norlander. "When Sam approached me to second his nomination for Third Vice Chair, I immediately accepted," said Norlander. "His positive energy, exuberance, and exceptional leadership skills

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## Winter 2003 Schedules

ADULT LEARNING CENTER				ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION			
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	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow			Barrow	
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## Enrichment Classes Winter 2003

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This eight (8) week course is a continuation of last semester's class. It is for adults who have some experience, but would like to learn advanced techniques. The instructor has over 40 years experience in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows.

Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 12, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107  
 Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks/session  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Instructor: John Homrich

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks/session  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Instructor: John Homrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that the size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab  
 Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)  
 Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003  
 Length of Class: 2 weeks  
 Day of Class: Monday  
 Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab  
 Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)  
 Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003  
 Length of Class: 6 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab  
 Cost: \$50.00  
 Instructor: John Lasby

Did you just receive a digital camera as a gift? This course will help you understand the concepts of digital cameras. You will learn how to edit, scan, manipulate and print photos.

## Drunk driver hits county plow truck

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

A Crawford County Road Commission snow plow truck, traveling northbound on US-127 in heavy snow last Saturday evening, was struck and damaged by a pick-up truck driven by a Pinconning man.

Crawford County Sheriff's Sgt. Randell Baerlocher said the driver of the plow truck, 41-year old Jake Helsel of Beaver Creek Township, was not injured and was at no fault in the accident which occurred at about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

Baerlocher said Helsel was blading and salting the freeway when 27-year old Gerald Van Wormer, driving a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado, passed a vehicle traveling in the right lane. As Van Wormer attempted to move back into the right lane, he struck the rear of the plow truck, totaling the pick-up and causing thousands of dollars in damage to the plow truck.

Van Wormer was carrying four passengers, three of which required medical attention. Beaver Creek Township Fire and Rescue used the Jaws of Life to extricate the passengers. Mobile Medical Response (MMR) ambulances took the injured to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for treatment.

Sgt. Baerlocher said front seat passenger Kenneth Nelson, age 28 of Sterling, received multiple injuries including a severe lower

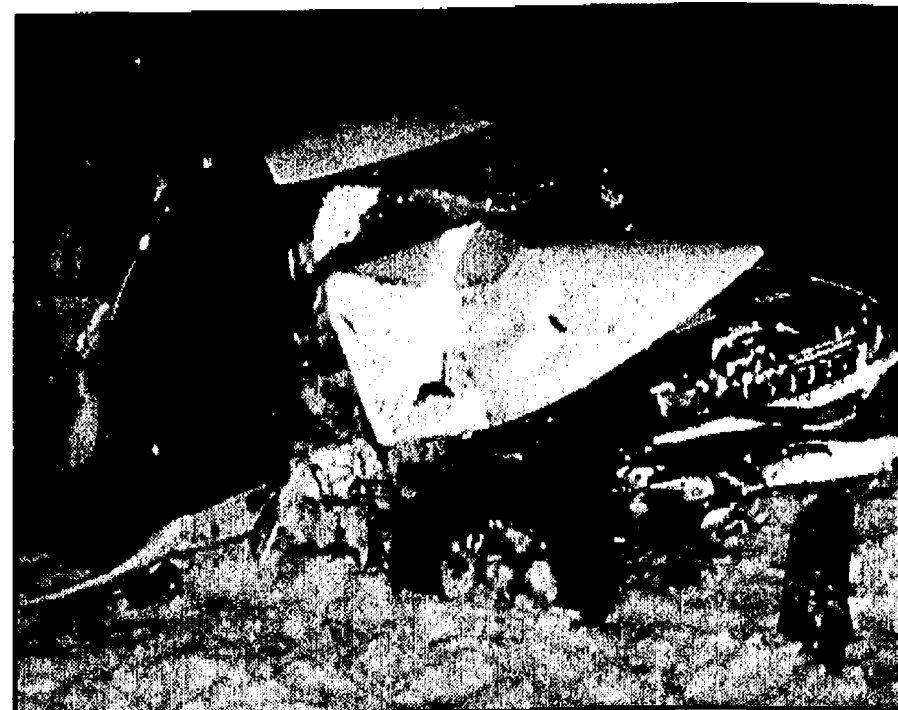


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

This pick-up truck is a total loss after its driver ran into the back end of a Crawford County Road Commission snow plow truck last Saturday evening. The downstate driver was ticketed for drunk driving. Three of his passengers were injured and were found with open alcohol in the vehicle.

leg injury, requiring ground transport to Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital when the medical evacuation helicopter was unable to fly due to extreme winter weather conditions. Details of the extent of injuries suffered by the other passengers were not available.

Van Wormer was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and his passengers were cited for having open intoxicants in the truck. Van Wormer was lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

Baerlocher said fortunately everyone in the pick-up wore safety belts, which prevented more serious injuries, or even death.

Road Commission employee Jeff McClain said extensive damage was done to the salter assembly. Salter assemblies are custom made for each truck by the Road Commission. Also damaged was the left rear wheel and tire, along with the conveyor belt-driven hopper box. McClain said the truck should be back in service this week.

## C.A.R.E.-Giver auction adds excitement to UW event

### United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction this Saturday night

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

Sure, the bucket raffles, door prizes, silent auctions and live auction offer fun and excitement at the Crawford County United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction. But the most fun can come from learning who is the top bidder of some very unique "items."

Each year some very special events and services are donated to the auction by local individuals. This year is no different.

Perhaps a pontoon cruise on the sparkling waters of Lake Margrethe, with hosts Mike and Diane Branch and Don and Rae

Ann Schanz, is just what you're looking for. This special cruise includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner for four.

Dennis and Marilyn Palmer are once again donating a "mystery tour for two," with a plane ride to a secret destination in Michigan where they will treat the winning bidder and a guest to lunch.

Rick and Barbara Febey have donated a sailboat cruise for two on lovely Lake Charlevoix or Lake Michigan, complete with lunch.

Ever dreamed of cruising Lake Charlevoix in a 46-foot ocean yacht? Well, Sledheads of Frederic, Terry's Sports Center and Fun-n-Sun of Grayling have donated a day-long outing on such a dream ship, filled with fun and food for four, including dinner.

United Way Board Vice President, Nancy Hunt has again donated her horticulture expertise and will plant for the winning bidder a garden full of spring flowering bulbs. Would you like to enjoy the heavenly scent of hyacinth and the beautiful colors of tulips, daffodils and crocuses without all the "knee-work?" If so, this is the item to bid on. Hunt said she is willing to plant the garden anywhere in Michigan, so this item may make a perfect gift.

Del Sheldon has donated a plane ride for two. Details will be available at the auction.

Last, but not least, bid for the right to drop the official starting flag at the 56th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. In the past, members of the marathon committee and past paddlers have been granted this honor. This year, it could be you.

The C.A.R.E. Night Auction is set for this Saturday, January 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is just \$5. Bidding will start at 7 p.m. Purchases can be made by cash or check. A cash bar will be available and the Knights of Columbus will be selling a variety of food throughout the evening.

The Crawford County United Way serves 16 local human service agencies and depends on the support of the community through fund-raisers such as the C.A.R.E. Night Auction.

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## Lost snowmobiler found 'cold' and 'tired'

A seven-hour ordeal of solitude and freezing temperatures ended happily for a snowmobiler when she was located by a local realtor and reunited with the group from which she became separated in the very early morning hours of January 14.

Thirty-year-old Brandy Ploe of Ubley became separated from her group while riding the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail near North Manistee River Road in Frederic Township at about 1 a.m. After more than four hours of searching for her with no success, Ploe's group reported her missing to Crawford County 911 Central Dispatch around 5:30 a.m.

With the assistance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office began a search of the trail and vicinity using snowmobiles. Because the area she was last seen in is so near the Kalkaska County line, sheriff's personnel from that county also began to devise a search plan covering its eastern trails.

The U.S. Coast Guard Air

Rescue Station in Traverse City was also contacted and a helicopter was deployed to search from the air.

According to Crawford County Sheriff Sgt. Randell Baerlocher, Ploe was located on Manistee River Road near Howes Lake Trail in Frederic Township at approximately 8 a.m. by Laurie Jamison, owner of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Grayling. Jamison drove Ploe to Grayling and the Sheriff's office was notified. Ploe said she was "cold and tired" and, fortunately, suffering from no ill effects from the ordeal.

Ploe told Sheriff's officers her snowmobile became stuck when she attempted to turn the machine around. She said she walked the trails trying to find a main road, beginning around 2 a.m. Ploe was later reunited with her group at the real estate office where she had the opportunity to warm up.

DNR Conservation Officer Mark Lutz was able to locate Ploe's 2002 Polaris Indy snowmobile later that day, stuck in the snow near the intersection of

Howes Lake Road and North Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail.

Speaking to Sheriff's officers, Ploe said she was upset her party had put her in such a position because they did not follow basic snowmobile safety procedures.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield would like to remind snowmobile parties to have a plan and discuss it before they set out on the trails.

"Inexperienced riders should be placed in the middle of the group so the more experienced riders can assist in keeping track of them," he said. "If a rider should become separated from his or her group, the rider should stop and let the group come back for them."

Sgt. Baerlocher said snowmobilers should always consider the snow and trail conditions -- and slow down. "Speed won't make up for the poor snowmobile trail conditions we've experienced this season." Since the January 14 incident, many more inches of snow have fallen, improving trail conditions, thus making them extremely busy.

Another concern snowmobilers must address seriously is the

sub-zero weather conditions which can prove deadly. "Please remember, search parties can take a long period of time to cover ground when searching for a lost snowmobiler in such a large area." Be prepared by dressing for extreme cold for an extended period of time and by carrying water or other non-alcoholic beverage to sip on to avoid dehydration. Carrying a nutritious snack with you while riding is a good idea, just in case your body needs some extra fuel to keep warm.

Baerlocher added, in light of recent drownings of snowmobilers who plunged into icy waters while traveling on northern Michigan lakes, "Please remember ice conditions this season are very unpredictable and can be dangerous. Don't lose your life for a 'short cut' across a body of water." Despite the bitter cold temperatures experienced this week, many frozen lake surfaces remain unsafe for travel and many still have areas of open water.

Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Ruley contributed to this article.

## Gillard named vice chair of recreation committee

### ► Gillard also named to Health Policy, Insurance Committees

LANSING — State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 16 that he was appointed Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Gillard was also named to serve on the Health Policy and Insurance committees.

"It is truly an honor to be appointed the ranking Democrat on the House committee charged with the protection of Michigan's outdoors," said Gillard, an avid outdoorsman. "I've been a hunter and fisherman all my life, and I understand just how important outdoor sports are to the economy of Alpena and northern Michigan. We must ensure that when people think of Michigan, they continue to think of the 'great outdoors.'"

The House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee

will deal with the regulation of hunting and fishing and the registration of personal watercraft and snowmobiles in Michigan. Gillard noted that the committee also oversees Michigan's state parks.

The Health Policy Committee will tackle issues related to Medicaid, HMOs, school-based health, children's issues, assisted living, prescription drugs and the registration of health professionals.

"Throughout northern Michigan, there are families with limited financial resources struggling to obtain health care ser-

vices," said Gillard. "We must ensure that these families have increased access to affordable, quality health care."

The Insurance Committee will deal with issues related to insurance companies, such as the potential privatization of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which Gillard opposes.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield must remain a not-for-profit organization that remains Michigan's insurer of last resort," said Gillard. "I look forward to working with committee members from both sides of the aisle in making sure that happens."

## Home invasion suspect pleads guilty

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In exchange for a guilty plea on one charge of second degree felony home invasion, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss requested a second charge, of the same be dismissed against an Owosso man, who confessed to breaking into two homes last summer.

At his January 9 arraignment in 46th Circuit Trial Court, Eric Alan Atkins told Judge Dennis F. Murphy he moved to Grayling last summer and was staying with family members near the homes he broke into on Stephan Bridge Road in South Branch Township.

Under oath, the 24-year old Atkins described the August 22, 2002 break-ins as something he did "on the spur of the moment." He said he walked to the resi-

dences and used a knife to pry open windows to get into the seasonal homes. No one was at home at the time.

Atkins took over \$2,500 in electronic equipment, camping gear, power tools, home decorations, fly tying equipment, alcohol and other household goods. His written confession revealed he was planning to take the stolen goods downstate and sell them to pawn shops.

Huss said because of his criminal record, Atkins is technically a habitual offender and could have faced stiffer sentencing, but agreed to accept the guilty plea on only one charge of home invasion.

Judge Murphy agreed to dismiss the second charge. Atkins, who will be sentenced early next month, faces 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

### Clarification

In an article published January 16, titled, "School counselor faces drunk driving charge," it was stated counselor David Clyde Holzbauer "sings and plays the guitar during sing-alongs at school assemblies that include D.A.R.E. programs." While Mr. Holzbauer performs music at school assemblies, according to Crawford County Sheriff Deputy and Elementary Liaison Officer Bill Bonkowski, he does not perform at sheriff office sponsored D.A.R.E. assemblies and never has.

Bonkowski confirmed Mr. Holzbauer has no connection whatsoever with the local D.A.R.E. program.

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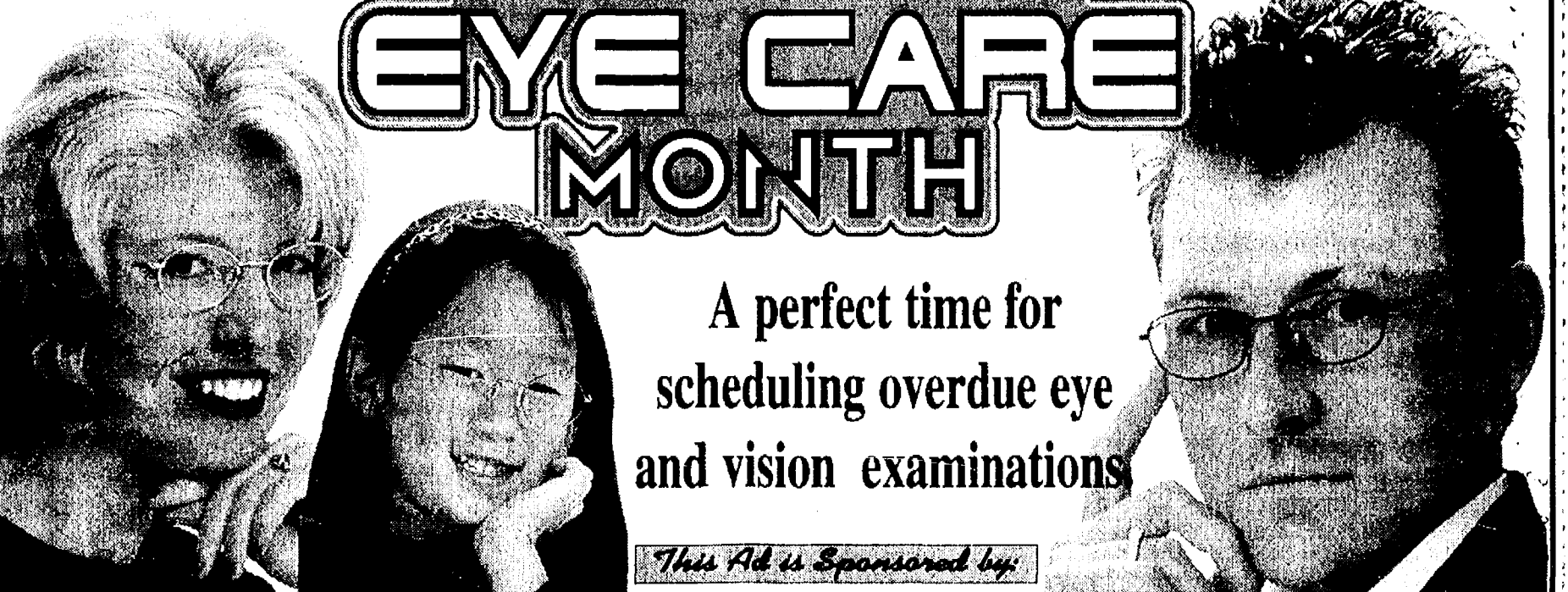
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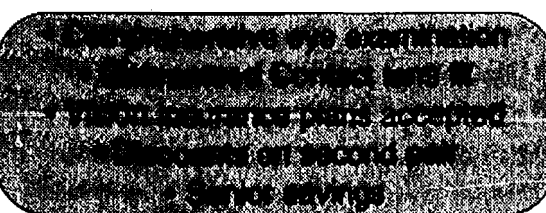
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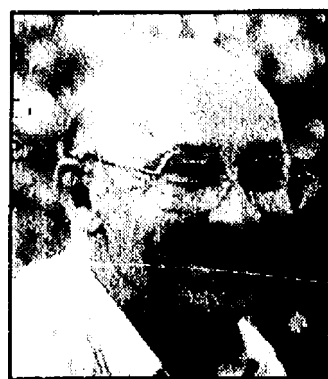
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Battered but persistent, the Swami speaks again

REFUSING TO learn from experience, *The Almanack* this week once more plunges into that murky adventure of predicting things to come during the coming year.

Usually this is one of the first columns of the new year, but I dithered for a couple of weeks whether to continue the tradition for 2003. Last year was not a banner one for Almanack predictions.

I missed quite a few big ones. Against all sorts of advice and unanimous advice from my personal political focus group, I predicted that James Blanchard would win the Democratic primary for governor, then pick Jennifer Granholm for lieutenant governor, and defeat Republican Dick Posthumus in the general election.

Talk about being off base...that was a classic.

I was correct that Senator Carl Levin would win a new term in the U.S. Senate, but that was a pushover prediction.

I predicted Republicans would win a majority of Michigan congressional races plus keep both houses of the legislature, but with the Republican-written reapportionment plan, those also were easy.

The statewide vote on legalizing marijuana never developed, as I wrote it would. The Yankees missed the World Series, the Detroit Lions didn't make the play offs, the MSU basketball team didn't make the Sweet Sixteen, and neither the Spartans nor the U-M Wolverines won the Big Ten football title. I was wrong on all of those.

But Osama bin Laden is still at large, as I expected.

Battered and blistered but unbowed, here we go again for

2003.

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JENNIFER GRANHOLM will have so many troubles in her first year as governor she'll often wonder why she worked so hard to get the job in the first place. However, she won't resign.

Michigan's budget problems are so severe that she's been forced to cut aid to local schools, and she'll need plenty of other spending slashes to make ends meet. Spending cuts alone, however, won't solve the state's money problems.

By summer, Governor Granholm will propose more taxes as well as deeper cuts in spending. Rolling back scheduled Engler-era tax cuts will be only a first step. She will propose several "revenue enhancements" even including new and higher taxes. The Republican legislature eventually but reluctantly will agree.

tantly will agree.

Before the year is out, bi-partisan harmony between Democratic governor and Republican legislature -- if there ever is any -- will evaporate, in actions if not in words.

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THE U.S. SUPREME Court will not accept University of Michigan race-based formulas for student admissions. The court will find direct racial preferences, such as U of M uses, either unconstitutional or unwise or both.

The Democratic horse race for the 2004 presidential nomination will winnow down by year's end to about four viable candidates from an earlier field of eight or 10 announced hopefuls. Senators John Edwards of North Carolina and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut will be leading the handful of survivors at year end.

A presidential boomlet will emerge for Senator Hillary Clinton for president, but she won't get in the race for 2004.

The economy will improve a bit but still stumble along. The Dow Jones stock average will break 9000 sometime during the year, but settle in the 8000s at year end.

K-Mart, expecting a spring or summer turn around, won't.

Osama bin Laden will not be taken into custody, unless he's dead.

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IN THE FUN and games department, the Yankees will win the World Series and the Red Wings will take the Stanley Cup again.

The Detroit Lions will have a barely winning record but make the playoffs.

The Michigan State basketball team will make the NCAA tour-

nament, mostly on its reputation but won't get very far.

The Wolverine football team will challenge for the Big Ten title. It won't win it, but will end up in the top 10 in national ranking. Under new coach John L. Smith, the Spartan footballers will have a winning record, and go to a second-rate bowl game.

New manager Alan Trammell will invigorate the Detroit Tigers, who still will lose more than they win, but won't lose 100 games like the last two years.

The long awaited marriage between Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck won't happen, or if it does, will be undone within a year.

That's it for this time around. Check back next year.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## VIEWPOINT

The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

### VA enrollment cutbacks avoidable

Denying veterans access to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, particularly while young men and women fight the war on terrorism and prepare to do battle in Iraq, is unacceptable to the 2.8 million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi announced that enrollment for VA health care will be suspended effective today (January 17) for so-called higher-income veterans who seek treatment for conditions that are not service-connected, Priority Group 8 veterans. VA estimates 164,000 veterans will be affected.

"This is a raw deal for veterans, no matter how you cut it," American Legion National Commander Ronald F. Conley said. "By denying a certain Priority Group, the administration is sending the message that these veterans are not a priority at all, even if they have health insurance that VA can bill for the cost of their medical treatment; VA health care is not free to all veterans. Additionally, the income threshold that determines whether someone belongs in Priority Group 8 is so low that no one can say, with a straight face, that all these veterans are well-off."

"Here's a better idea: Instead of squeezing the system to meet the budget, why not make the budget fit the rising demand for VA health care? That way, citizen-soldiers -- who endured

family separation and the inherent hazards of preserving our freedom -- are not forgotten. With adequate funding, VA can trim the backlog of about 300,000 veterans who have been waiting months for primary care appointments. Of course, veterans with any form of service connected disability must remain the highest priority.

"I sincerely hope some valuable lessons have been learned. For instance, if Congress ever again approves a supplemental spending bill containing funding for VA, the president would do well not to veto it, as he did last year. The administration also should not ask Congress for less than VA needs, then tell veterans: 'Sorry. We didn't budget for you.' Imagine the message that sends to someone either wearing the uniform today or considering an offer from a military recruiter."

"In the meantime, The American Legion will work with members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, to pass long-term funding solutions. We will continue to fight for Medicare reimbursement legislation that will allow Medicare to pay VA for the cost of health care it provides to Medicare eligible veterans."

Further, we will continue to press for mandatory funding legislation that will have a formula built into it that will ensure VA receives adequate funding to meet its statutory requirement to treat all veterans who enroll for health care there."

## EDITOR

### Court employees should accept same benefits given other county workers

To the editor,

Over the past weeks, there have been letters to the editor from the 46th Circuit Trial Court and its employees, and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners regarding the negotiation of benefits for court employees.

This letter is from the elected officials, department heads, and staff of Crawford County. Specifically, the offices of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, the Treasurer's Office, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Sheriff's Office, the Equalization Department, the Building and Zoning Department, and the MSU Extension Office.

Over the past 30 years, the elected commissioners have tried to provide adequate wages to all elected officials and their staff, and all other departments -- including the various court personnel. Several times during this period, when the commissioners explained that lack of funds might make it necessary to cut personnel, the employees of the Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff's Office, Equalization, Building and Zoning, and the MSU Extension Office have made concessions to protect a fellow employee and to work with the county. However, it has been necessary for the county to eliminate positions and reduce hours even after concessions and wage freezes.

At this time, the remaining employees have agreed to pay part of their own retirement plan in order to receive a retirement plan

higher than the standard B-2 retirement plan offered by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. At this time, the 46th Circuit Trial Court employees are requesting a B-4 retirement plan. They are requesting this not only be fully paid by the counties (Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska), but that it be based retroactively from date of hire. In some cases, this is over 20 years.

Retirement benefits are based on wages and number of years served. An employee making \$50,000 per year after 30 years of service would receive \$30,000 per year under a B-2 plan -- and \$37,500 under a B-4. This must be available from funds put away by the county for that purpose, or the county must pay a higher monthly premium. When this sort of increase is applied to every court employee (including Friend of the Court), the result becomes a staggering figure.

When elected officials, their staff, or department heads retire, there is no paid hospitalization. The employee is free to pay his/her own hospitalization and with the county group -- or change to another supplemental plan. The county pays for nothing.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court is requesting fully paid hospitalization for all their employees -- and their spouses -- upon retirement and for the rest of their life. Currently, health insurance costs range between \$6,500 per couple to \$12,000 per family each year, per employee. With the average annual increase in the cost of

health care benefits, this will increase appreciably over the next 10 years.

Over the past year, the county has been successful in negotiating out (for new hires) post retirement health care from the law enforcement and 911 Central Dispatch employee contracts due to rising costs.

That said, do the above figures sound fair and reasonable for all employees?

All these employees are compensated (either all or in part) by Crawford County. The county must try to give each one a fair and equitable wage and benefits package.

More importantly, you -- the people -- have voted not to increase the county tax levy. The state and federal government are constantly mandating more programs and failing to provide additional funding. Therefore, the county must try to provide the programs and still maintain a fair and equitable wage for all employees and balance a budget -- all with approximately the same funding -- never knowing when the state and federal government will reduce funding or require more functions, change or add to a program.

At this time, the 46th Circuit Trial Court has filed a lawsuit against Crawford County. It will be interesting to observe whether one court will rule against another. Regardless of the outcome, we the undersigned, stand behind our County Commissioners. We are aware that we live in an economically depressed area with limited industrial growth and low tax base. We appreciate the

salary and benefits we have and the efforts made by the commissioners to be fair and do an equitable job for all employees.

We, the undersigned, feel the 46th Circuit Trial Court is being unrealistic in its demands and unfair to the other employees of the county. We urge the 46th Circuit Trial Court to accept the benefits given to other county employees. When that happens, we can all strive for a smooth running organization that works within its budget.

We would like to hear from the taxpayers. Write: Crawford County, Benefits and Wages, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## AVALANCHE DEADLINES

**Community Briefs** items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

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**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

**Classified ads** by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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**The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page** is Friday at 5 p.m.



# BRIEFS

## GHS to host Curriculum Fair

Grayling High School will be hosting a Curriculum Fair on Tuesday, January 28, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the fair is to give students and parents the opportunity to meet with teachers, listen to class overviews and gather information prior to registering for classes for the 2003-04 school year. Students can gain a greater understanding of courses and expectations and staff will have the opportunity to promote new elective courses and existing classes. Kirtland Community College and M-TEC will also be represented at the fair. Parents are invited to attend, as well as 9th through 12th grade students who are home schooled or educated in alternative settings.

## Another chance to see 'Three Men'

Those who wished to see "Three Men and Tenor" but missed their recent local performance through the Crawford AuSable Community Education Cultural Events program, have another chance to hear this unique a cappella group whose repertoire includes songs from the 1930s through the 1990s and spoofs for all ages. The Encore Society of Music, which brings Music on the Banks each year to the AuSable River Festival, is sponsoring a performance on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. at the Dennon Museum in the Milliken Auditorium in Traverse City. Tickets are \$16 each and will be available at the door or by calling the Encore Office at (231) 486-7200.

## Benefit spaghetti dinner scheduled

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Sandy Suisse will be held Saturday, January 25, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Grayling Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72 East). All proceeds will go to help with the recent loss of a family member. Cost of the meal will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family (up to six members). Carry-outs will be available. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards preparing the dinner or to the family, may contact Sharon France at 348-2097, Faye True at 344-2407, Deb Helsel at 275-5759 or the Eagles at 348-5287.

## Church hosts 'New Destiny' singers

Soul's Harbor Worship Center, located at 250 Lake Street in Roscommon, will be hosting a new and upcoming gospel singing group, "New Destiny" on Sunday, January 26 at 6 p.m. A fully staffed nursery will be provided for children age three years and under. The public is invited and the concert is free, however a free will offering will be received. For more information, contact the church office at (989) 275-5309.

## Conservation group to hold annual meeting, open house

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be holding its 35th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at its office in the CRAF Center.

The day begins with an Open House and Meet the Staff event, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Administrator Barb Stauffer and Administrative Assistant Jamie Partell will be there to provide information about available services, and offer 10 percent off all conservation items for sale. Voting on the amateur photo contest entries will also take place.

Lucille Eisbrenner, Program Coordinator, will be on hand to update everyone on the Roscommon County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. Michelle Hill, AmeriCorps member, will be there to discuss the Groundwater Stewardship Program. Home and farm assessment assistance will be available for Roscommon County landowners.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Jacque Korn, will personally discuss a variety of conservation services

available with anyone who may need them.

A copy of the new "Higgins Lake Watershed Management Plan" will be available to view.

Roscommon County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste information will also be available.

Light refreshments will be served and guests can "Spin the Wheel" for door prizes.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business After Hours, followed at 7 p.m. by awards presentations, election and business meeting.

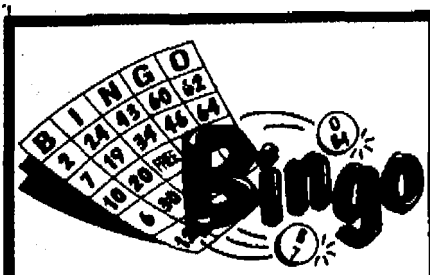
Darcia Little, Jean Lawrence and Liz Wade will be receiving conservation awards for their efforts in watershed protection; and incumbents Jim Johnson and Tom Zeneberg are running unopposed for two four-year terms of office on the District Board of Directors.

The CRAF Center is located at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon. For more information about the meeting or the organization, call (989) 275-5231.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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## GRA Winter Fun Days scheduled for Feb. 7-9

The Grayling Recreational Authority is busy getting Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park ready for its annual event, Grayling Winter Fun Days, scheduled for February 7-9.

All weekend, Hanson Hills will offer free rental of downhill and cross country skis and snowboards, as supplies are available.

On Friday evening, Downhill Cardboard Vehicle Races are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., followed by the Grayling and Roscommon High School Ski Teams lighting up the slopes with their Torch Parade at 8 p.m.

Also at 8 p.m., and indoor horseshoe (bean bag) tournament will take place at the Fred Bear Memorial Center. Entry into the competition for adults is \$10 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call Herb Olson at 348-9456 or 348-8812 (evenings) for more information on this event.

On Saturday, February 8 the day begins at 8 a.m. with a Club Breakfast by the Backwoods Houndsmen Association. Biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon and toast will be served. There is a choice of two different breakfasts; both include coffee or juice. Cost is \$3 or \$4. Breakfast will be served until 11 a.m.

At noon, a Skatepark competition will begin with rollerblading. Entry is \$15 per person.

The remainder of the day includes a Treasure Hunt at 12 noon, and kids competitions of

snowball throwing, three-legged race, scavenger hunt beginning at 1 p.m.

Group ski lessons in both downhill and cross country will be available for beginners and ski and snowboard racing are scheduled for the experienced.

Local bands will entertain on the deck and a bonfire is planned. Music will also be performed in the Main Lodge at 7 p.m. and a teen dance is scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is \$4.

On Sunday, for every lift ticket sold visitors will receive one free trip down the tubing hill.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. local chefs will compete in the annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. After a warm helping or two of chili, head down to the bottom of the bowl outside to witness Dummy Races. Everyone is encouraged to build their own dummy on skis and see how fast he or she will fly down the ski hill. A bonfire will be burning to help keep everyone warm.

The Big Air Competition will also be held that afternoon for skiers and snowboarders. Entrants must register beginning at 1 p.m. Meet at the deck at the Main Lodge. This event is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Doug Slater and Paul and Kathy Olson.

For more information about Grayling Winter Fun Days or any one of the activities and events listed, call Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

## Incontinence, hormone replacement topic of forum

Mercy Hospital Grayling invites the public to attend a free public forum to discuss Hormone Replacement Therapy and its possible side effects.

The session will be hosted by Dr. Carl Schubert, MD, OB/Gyn, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30 at the Mio Church of God. Dr. Schubert will also discuss living with incontinence.

More than six million women in the U.S. currently take estrogen/progestin combination therapy for a variety of reasons, including relief of hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms.

In July 2002, researchers halted a major study after women taking the hormones following menopause were found to have a greater risk of breast cancer, heart attack, stroke and blood clots than those who did not take the drugs. This free forum is designed to help answer questions and concerns about the hormone replacement therapy.

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## OMH hosts blood drive

Many accidents occur in Michigan's winter months due to icy road conditions. Blood is in high demand because of the number of life-threatening accidents occurring.

Gaylord and surrounding communities can help fulfill the need for blood by participating in an American Red Cross blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital from 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Thursday, January 30. Call (989) 731-2216 to make an appointment to donate.

The American Red Cross needs 3,800 people in Michigan to donate blood each week to maintain the proper supply of blood at the state's 75 hospitals. A person injured in a car crash can require between four and 40 pints of blood.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Freedom from God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's views on freedom from his 1964 book, "The Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism" as written by Peter Schweizer. Each article in this series is intended to strengthen our resolve as citizens for our present war.

Reagan believed our freedoms are derived from our faith in God. He said, "Even as we explore the most advanced reaches of science, we are returning to the age-old wisdom of our culture, a wisdom contained in the Book of Genesis in the Bible. In the beginning was the spirit, and it was from this spirit that the material abundance of creation issued forth. But progress is not foreordained. The key is freedom, freedom of thought, freedom of information, freedom of communication." Reagan believed that changes to the communism system could be brought about from "the eternal things, from the source of all life, which is faith." He once said, "We can't be happy until the whole world knows freedom the way we do."

Reagan challenged students at the Moscow State University saying, "Freedom is the right to question and change the established way of doing things. It is the continuing revolution of the marketplace. It is the understanding that allows us to recognize shortcomings and seek solutions. It

is the right to put forth an idea, scoffed at by the experts, and watch it catch fire among the people."

Reagan knew that the Soviet Politburo feared radio broadcasts "more than any other American weapon." KGB agent Oleg Tumanov called Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty "everything that constituted a deadly threat to the existence of the Soviet state." Reagan pushed for the greatest radio modernization in the history of broadcasting to reach people behind the iron curtain. Reagan saw the cold war as a "battle of ideas-a test of wills." Reagan saw the Soviet Union as a super power with fourth-rate ideas destined for the "ash heap of history." He was determined to "drive a propaganda wedge between the Russian people and their Leninist overlords."

Reagan understood the origin of war saying, "In all of history, one can find few, if any, instances where people have started a war. War is the province of government, and therefore the more autocratic government is, the more centralized, the more totalitarian, the more government can direct and control the will of the people, the greater the chance of war."

When asked back in 1967 what he thought about Barry Goldwater's statement, "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice," Reagan agreed and said the statement was simply a

total commitment to liberty that "was as old as Cicero."

As Americans we still face the same threats to our freedom. Only the identity and tactics of our enemy have changed. Their ultimate goal remains the same; the destruction of our freedoms, and the enslavement of our country. President Bush accurately named our present war, "Enduring Freedom." Only a strong faith in Jesus Christ can assure us of ultimate victory and enduring freedom. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church. Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Local vocal group to perform in Vermont

The Michelson Singers, a small vocal ensemble comprised of singers from the Grayling area, are bound for Vermont, where they will perform at the von Trapp family mansion as well as several other venues.

The group also hopes to perform in Toronto and Montreal.

The Michelson Singers are sponsored by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling, where they appear regularly during church services.

To help defray the cost of the trip to Vermont, the Michelson

Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on February 13, 14 and 15. The production will be staged at Michelson Church with curtain time set for 7 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available for purchase on February 1 at the church office at 400 Michigan Avenue, as well as other convenient locations.

In addition to their regular Sunday morning responsibilities, the Michelson Singers appear regularly throughout the community, singing at civic functions

and social events. They also frequently travel to communities in the surrounding area for performances.

Recently, the group auditioned for the Michigan Humanities Council Touring Program. In the spring of 2002, the group traveled to Moorehead City, North Carolina to participate in an international choral festival.

For more information about the Michelson Singers and their performances, or about the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," contact Michelson Church at 348-2974.

## Mikenauk Chorale looking to add some new singers

A community choir group, which has entertained many audiences locally and elsewhere will begin rehearsals soon and looks to add new singers to its ranks.

In preparation for its Spring Concert, the Mikenauk Chorale will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, at 149 West Robinson Lake Road, south of Roscommon, between M-18 and County Road 100.

Mikenauk Director Doug Armstead said new singers interested in joining the Chorale should attend this rehearsal. The community choral group, whose members come from

Roscommon, Grayling, Houghton Lake, St. Helen, Prudenville and Higgins Lake, and the surrounding area, performs a minimum of three concerts each year.

Armstead said, based on the overflow crowds experienced during last year's concerts, the first Chorale concert of this year will be performed at two different venues. "The popularity of our performances has grown much faster than we anticipated. Unfortunately, we had a few folks who couldn't find seats last year, so we're definitely going to add a second performance for our Spring Concert," he said.

The group's first performance of its Spring Concert will be

staged on Saturday, May 3, at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. The second performance will take place on Sunday, May 4 at St. James Catholic Church in Houghton Lake.

Mikenauk Chorale President, June Karjalainen, said the cost of tickets for the Spring Concert, and the locations where they may be purchased, will be announced soon. Proceeds from the Chorale concerts go to help area youth music programs or for music scholarships.

For more information about the Mikenauk Chorale, contact Karjalainen at (989) 275-4287.

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Saturday.....10:30 am  
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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday School.....9:30 am

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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
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Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9:30 am  
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Sacrament.....10 am  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
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Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
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**St. Mary's Roman Catholic  
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Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
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Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
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Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
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Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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## THE POWER SPOT

### News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

Before leaving for winter break, the AuSable Primary students were treated to an assembly featuring a play called "Bob, the Book Elf." It was about a little guy who's cut out to do a big thing -- to show kids the importance of books. The play was an Acting Up Theatre Company production.

Mrs. Kathee Sheldon is now a student teacher in Mrs. Lori Patterson's first grade class. The student teaching assignment will help her complete her requirement for her teaching certificate.

Mrs. Joelle Gabriel will also be student teaching this semester at the AuSable Primary School. She will be working in Mrs. Sally Yost's second grade and in Mrs. Karyn Rauch-Smock's preschool.

The AuSable Primary is sponsoring a chess club for grades K-5. Beginners meet on Tuesdays for four weeks. Chess Club started January 7 and will run until Tuesday, January 28. Students meet after school in the cafeteria.

Experienced players meet on Wednesdays. This program runs for 12 weeks; the first eight weeks are regular play and the next four weeks are for those who would like to participate in tournaments. The experienced player program ends Wednesday, March 26.

The AuSable Primary's Title I is hosting a Reading Club for their students. It is an eight-week program with the goal of encouraging children to read. Good reading comprehension strategies will be taught and

modeled.

Together with Hanson Hills and the Grayling Youth Booster Club, the Crawford AuSable School District is offering free ski lessons for third and fourth grade students. Classes are on Thursdays and Fridays after school for five weeks.

Beginning the week of January 28, the fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the annual state assessment test: the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program). Fourth grade students will be tested in the subjects of language arts and math.

Fifth grade students will be tested in the subjects of science and social studies. Students have been doing some review in the subject areas and also practicing

some key test-taking strategies. Parents are urged to encourage their children to pay attention to healthy habits and good attendance. Remember: a dose of "positive attitude" goes a long way.

Safety Patrol Student for the month of December is Laura Brackenbury.

On Monday, January 13 the AuSable Primary School kicked off an "I Love My School" contest. The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops for Education from now until February 13 will receive a special Valentine's treat.

Remember: there is only a half day of school for Professional Staff Development on January 27. Students will be dismissed at 12:41 p.m.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 22-28 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post

Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 98 complaints the week of January 13-19:

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minors, one valid alarm, one false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, three assault/intimidation/stalking, six larceny, four fraudulent activities (one stolen identity;

Three bad checks), one damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, one liquor violations - sell, one obstruct police (other), five public peace/disorderly, two conservation, four miscellaneous arrest, one driving violations/driving while license suspended, etc.

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## New CNS reporter reports for duty

The *Avalanche* welcomes its latest Capital News Service (CNS) correspondent, Corbin Sullivan, giving us news from Lansing about the government and how it affects Crawford County residents.

Sullivan is a first year graduate student at Michigan State University, with a focus on environmental and science reporting. He comes to Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism

and Zoology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

In addition to CNS, Sullivan is also heavily involved in the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at MSU. He is the editor for *EJ Magazine*, the biannual environmental publication of the Knight Center. He will also take part in organizing the annual Great Lakes conference for environmental students and professors across the state.

When Sullivan isn't writing or editing, he trains for triathlons. He will be participating in the collegiate national triathlon in Phoenix, Arizona later this year.

Growing up in central Wisconsin, Sullivan has developed a feel for the rural issues that are important to areas such as Grayling.

He will be a contributing writer during the next few months.



Corbin Sullivan

## City sets date for DDA public hearing

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cannot be captured by the DDA, and taxing authorities that operate within the district (other than the city, township, or village establishing the DDA) can opt to not allow DDA capture of their taxes.

DDA funds can be used for improvement projects on public property within its district.

A DDA requires formation of a board that consists of a "chief

executive officer" and between eight and 12 board members. If the approved district has 100 or more residents within its boundaries, a citizens advisory board must be created.

City Manager Allen Lowe, who is also a member of the city's five-person DDA committee, said the proposed district has no where near 100 residents, so the advisory board should not be an issue.

According to DDA committee member Tim Zigala, the group had a difficult time agreeing on a district to recommend to the council. "This has been a long process for us," he said. "But we did reach an agreement on the size of the district."

"The process of creating the boundaries (of the DDA district) is really up to the council as part of establishing a DDA," Zigala said. "We encourage the city to establish a DDA. The committee believes it will help the community."

"It's a great opportunity for us," he said. "I think it's time that we do move forward."

The city council voted 3-1 on Monday night to set the public hearing for Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. A location had not been firmly established as of Monday, January 20. The city will not have meeting space of its own until its new hall is completed this spring and has to secure a site large enough to accommodate the hearing. (Councilman Roger Moshier voted "no" on the motion and Councilman Brian Banda was absent.)

The tentative district recommended by the DDA committee can be adjusted. The public hearing will give area residents the opportunity to speak with regard to the district - what should be included and what shouldn't - and on the DDA issue in general.

Councilman Dennis Palmer said he is "100 percent for a DDA" but he is not satisfied with the proposed district.

"I would like to see larger boundaries," Palmer said. "It's easy to subtract (from the district), but to add something you have to go through the entire process all over again. There's not a lot of areas for growth in the current area."

Mayor Dave Wyman said that too big of a district could result in the DDA ending up with too big a slice of the city's revenue growth. "We need to strike a happy medium," Wyman said.

After the public hearing, the city must wait at least 60 days before voting on the establishment of a DDA. The purpose of the 60-day wait is to allow the local taxing authorities time to decide whether or not to opt out of having their tax revenue increases within the district captured by the DDA.

In 1999, a previous council went through the public hearing process and ultimately voted down establishing a DDA with a 3-2 vote.

## Testimony sheds light on death of local man

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a Grayling man for \$50 and a morphine patch.

Mitchell testified under oath that the day after the break-ins, October 4, 2002, she and some of her friends rented a room at the Super 8 Motel near Grayling where she applied the time-released Fentanyl patch to her hip area. She said that just minutes later she began to feel the effects of the drug, and didn't

like it. She removed the patch and offered it to others in the room.

Mitchell's testimony became tear-filled when she described how 24-year old Shea Wallace Simpson accepted the offer of the patch, proceeded to peel it apart and eat its contents. Within minutes, Mitchell said Simpson was "just laying there, making weird noises" so she rolled him onto the floor to try to awaken

him, to no avail. When she brought Simpson's condition to the attention of the others, Mitchell said they told her "he's fine." According to the medical examiner's statement, Simpson died sometime after 10 p.m. from a combined overdose.

The Fentanyl patch is comprised of a potent painkiller, designed to be released over several hours through the skin, not ingested orally in one dose.

Under questioning from Judge Murphy, Mitchell stated she didn't realize what she had done was considered delivery of a controlled substance, but knew it was illegal for her to have the patch.

Judge Murphy cancelled Mitchell's \$7,500 bond and placed her in the custody of Crawford County Corrections. She is expected to be sentenced early next month. Mitchell faces up to seven years in prison or a \$10,000 fine on the drug charge and 10 years in prison on the felony breaking and entering charge.

Under the plea agreement, if Judge Murphy sentences her to more than 12 months in the county jail, Mitchell has the option of withdrawing her guilty pleas and all charges against her will be reinstated.

Mitchell has not been charged in the death of Simpson.

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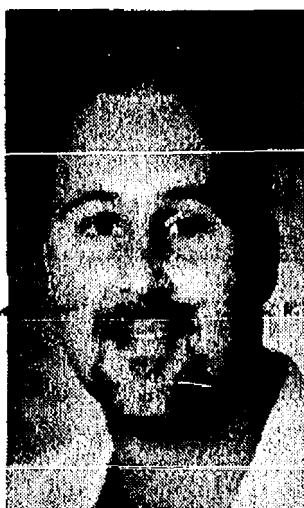


DARIUS DIVINA, DO

### NEW ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS JOIN MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

Darius A. Divina, DO, is joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Divina completed his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI.

Dr. Divina is joining Joseph R. Yacisen, DO, and the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center. The main office for the practice is now under construction in Grayling.



JOSEPH YACISEN, DO

In addition to Grayling office hours, both physicians will be seeing patients at the Mercy Family Care offices in Prudenville and Roscommon. Until the new Grayling office is ready, Grayling appointments will be offered at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Specialty Clinic.

For an appointment at any of the locations, call AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center, PC, at (989) 344-BONE.

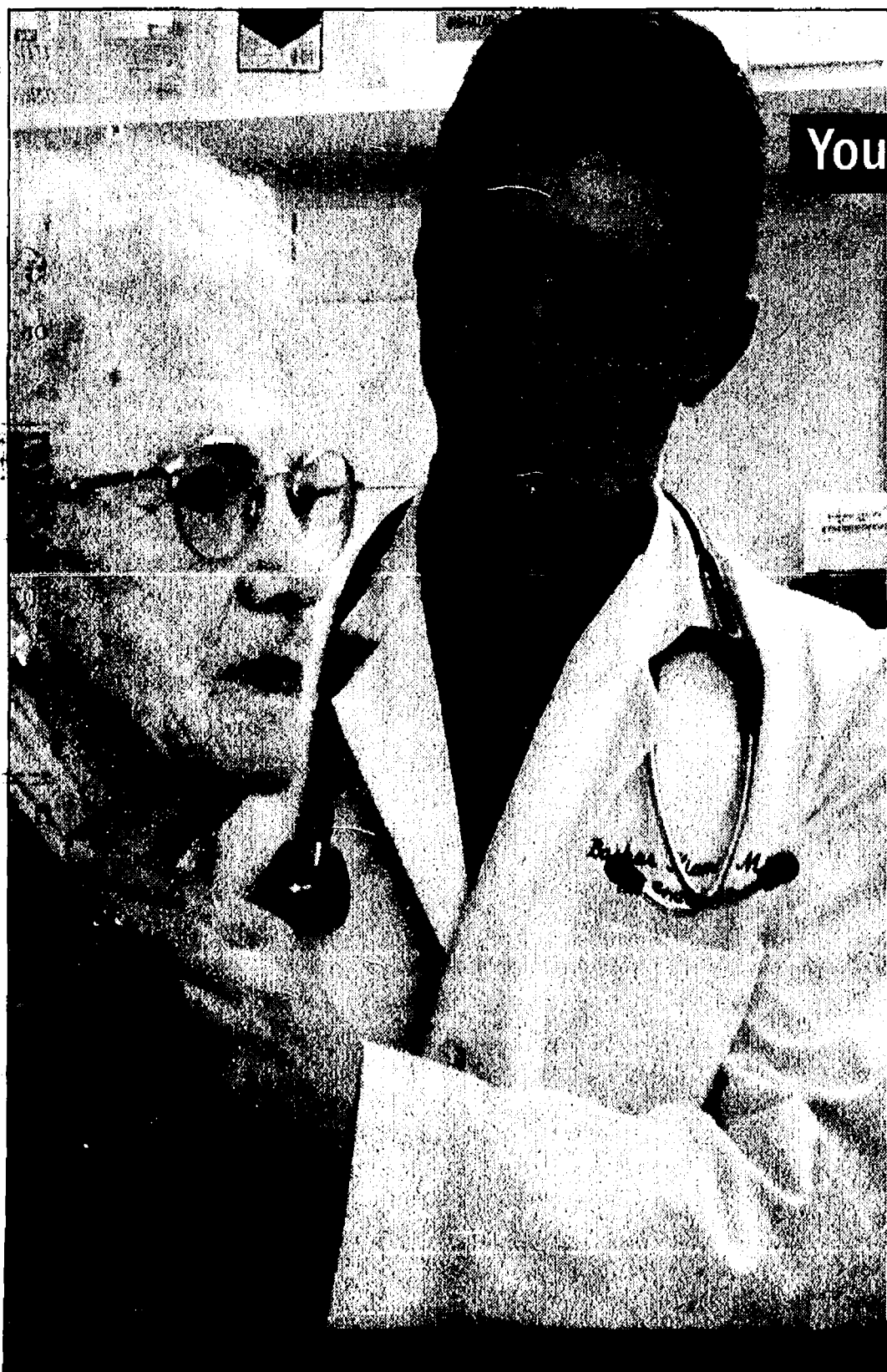
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# DNR loophole allows hunters to bag illegal permits

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Every Michigan hunter has the right to apply for limited quota licenses for species such as wild turkey, bear and elk. But a loophole in the Department of Natural Resources computer registration system has denied some hunters that right, while giving others more than their fair share of permits, according to a report by the state Auditor General's office.

Some hunters have used multiple forms of identification to skirt the eligibility requirements for limited-quota licenses, the audit report said. It blamed the DNR's improper analysis of computer data on hunters.

"A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person applies more than once for a limited-quota hunting license," the report noted.

"It's against the law, and they'd be ticketed, but we can't give fines. That's up to the court," said David Davis, the Gaylord district DNR lieutenant. Despite the possible punishment, some hunters still tried and succeeded in getting multiple permits.

Adam Carpenter, the owner of Carpenter's Outdoor Outfitters in Marquette, said, "If I noticed someone applying for multiple permits, I'd contact the DNR because I know it's illegal."

Brad Wurfel, a DNR media representative, said, "Our greatest concern was folks that were in the system under several different names."

Hunters who filled out multiple applications only needed to use slight variations on their

names to appear as separate entries, the report said. For example, the use of a first name on one application and a first initial on another was enough, even if all the other personal information, such as address and birth date, was the same.

This is especially a problem for applicants for the highly prized elk and bear permits. More than 45,000 applied for each in 2002, but fewer than 10,000 applications were selected for bear permits, and only 256 were selected for elk permits.

Hunters did have to show identification with their license application, but three types of identification are acceptable: driver's licenses, state-issued personal ID cards and Sportcards. The DNR issues Sportcards for \$1 if a hunter does not have alternate forms of identification.

If one or more forms of identification had differences in the hunter's name, they could pass as separate entries.

As of June 2002, there were more than 4,000 hunters with multiple Sportcards, some with as many as 12 different cards, the Auditor General found. And each Sportcard gave a hunter another opportunity to fill out a permit application.

The Auditor General's report was not the first indication of problems in the DNR's system.

"As I understand it, this problem was caught first by sportsmen," Wurfel said. "Hunters complained because they were not getting the permits they thought they would."

Two different problems arose from the faulty permit selection

process:

One problem was the opportunity for applicants to illegally obtain extra permits. Because there were a limited number of permits for such species as wild turkey, some hunters were excluded by those who cheated the system.

The other problem relates to the state's point accumulation system for bear hunting. When hunters are denied a bear permit, they accumulate points to improve their chances of selection the next year. Because the computer system could not link names that were not exactly alike, some hunters did not accumulate points they were entitled to.

Wurfel said, "There were people that were waiting around confidently for their bear permit and it never came."

According to the report, the abuses were not widespread, but the glitches in the system could have other detrimental effects.

Jason Dinsmore, an environmental policy assistant for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said, "It's a large concern if the software is not reliable."

Dinsmore cited the need for accurate recording of hunters to know their effect on animal populations and to regulate conservation efforts.

"A lot comes from those numbers, including where they're hunting, when they're hunting and what they're hunting," Dinsmore said.

He doesn't hold the DNR completely at fault. "It's understandable with the amount the DNR has to deal with. Everybody makes mistakes -- it's just a matter of how they fix them," Dinsmore said.

Since the initial complaints from hunters, the DNR has tried to resolve the problems.

"The rules require them [DNR] to respond to the Department of Management and Budget within 60 days of when the audit report was released," said Jim Neubecker, the state deputy auditor general. "It should be an easy problem to fix."

Kelli Sobel, the DNR's administrative service deputy, said, "We needed to use some controls that were already in the system."

She was referring to the "merge-purge" function of the computer software that matches records to ensure that the same person isn't entered under different names or variations.

Now the DNR runs the merge-purge before every permit drawing so there can be no illegal multiple permits, Sobel said.

"The concern for us is that we do everything necessary to prevent loopholes in the system," said Sobel.

Even though the DNR says problems with limited quota licenses are being fixed, there are likely still other loopholes to be found. Wurfel said, "If somebody is determined to cheat the system, they'll find a way."

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# Wertz Warriors head north on 900-mile trek

► Fund-raising snowmobilers will stop in Grayling, Lovells, Frederic

Vic Wertz, former Detroit Tiger, could not have imagined that 22 years after starting a snowmobile endurance ride to benefit Special Olympics Michigan that his friends (and friends of those friends) would still be making the 900-mile annual trek.

The Wertz Warriors will hold their 22nd ride this year from January 26 to February 2. Why are they still doing it? To make a top-notch winter sports competition possible for 1,100 Special

Olympics athletes at the State Winter Games.

Special Olympics Michigan provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation. Participating in Special Olympics gives athletes continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience the joy of achievement, be included in the community, build skills, and make friends.

The Wertz Warrior Snowmobile Endurance Ride begins in Mount Clemens on January 26 and ends in Mackinaw City on February 1, with stops at Moose Lodges, VFW halls, church halls, and restaurants across northern Michigan. The Warriors will make overnight stops in Tawas, Houghton Lake, Grayling, Traverse City, Lewiston and Petoskey.

A memorable stop on the ride will be the State Winter Games presented by Wertz Warriors on Wednesday, January 29 at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa near Traverse City and will participate in Opening Ceremonies including a check presentation of

monies raised. Competition at the games includes downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, figure skating and speed skating.

The Wertz Warriors were founded in 1982 by Vic Wertz, whose dream was to underwrite the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. Wertz passed away in 1983, but the Warriors carried on the ride in his name. Former Detroit Tiger pitcher, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, has stepped in for the last 10 years to attend the ride and serve as honorary chairman.

Seventy riders and over 30 support crew members will make the ride this year. In addition to fund-raising which occurs during the ride, each Warrior holds other fund-raisers throughout the year and must raise a minimum of \$3,000 just to participate.

Those who wish to help the Wertz Warriors achieve their fund-raising goal this year can send a contribution to: Wertz Warriors, P.O. Box 1132, Mount Clemens, MI 48046. Checks should be made payable to Special Olympics Michigan. For more information, call (810) 954-9770.

## The Wertz Warriors are riding into town

Anyone who has ever been on hand to greet the Wertz Warriors Endurance Riders as they approach one of their stops, can testify you can hear the drone of their snowmobiles from about a half mile out. Come out and cheer them on as they raise funds for Special Olympics.

On Tuesday, January 28 4:30 p.m. at Skyline Country Club in Beaver Creek Township. Then at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Departure is the following morning at 7:15 a.m.

On Thursday, January 30 the Warriors will have dinner in Lewiston at St. Francis Church, then on Friday, January 31, they are expected to arrive at Lovells Riverside Tavern at 10:30 a.m. By 12:30 p.m. that day, the Warriors will be due to arrive at the Swamp II in Frederic.

\*\*Due to varying weather and rider conditions, this schedule is subject to change.

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## 'Time' writer to speak at upcoming free program

► Topics include nation, economy, 2003 financial markets

A free program featuring *Time* magazine political writer, Hugh Sidey, is scheduled in Grayling next Wednesday evening.

Kurt Loll, the Edward Jones investment representative in Grayling said the program will be held January 29 at 6 p.m. at the Edward Jones office, 307 Huron Street. The program will be a live, interactive nationwide broadcast via the firm's private satellite network.

During the program, Sidey and Edward Jones financial experts will discuss their outlook on the nation, economy and financial markets in 2003.

"Corporate accounting scan-

dals and a sluggish economy have caused some investors to become timid on the stock market," said Loll. "This program will offer all investors valuable insight into the coming year and highlight specific opportunities."

Sidey began his career with *Life* magazine in 1957 and later became *Time* magazine's political and White House correspondent. To date, he has written about every president from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

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## Business students head to state competition

### ► Administrative Support Team places first at Regionals

The Grayling High School (GHS) chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) is moving on to state competition for the third year in a row.

BPA is a national student organization composed of state associations and local chapters serving persons pursuing careers in business and office occupations. This organization provides the opportunity for the development of leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and career related competencies.

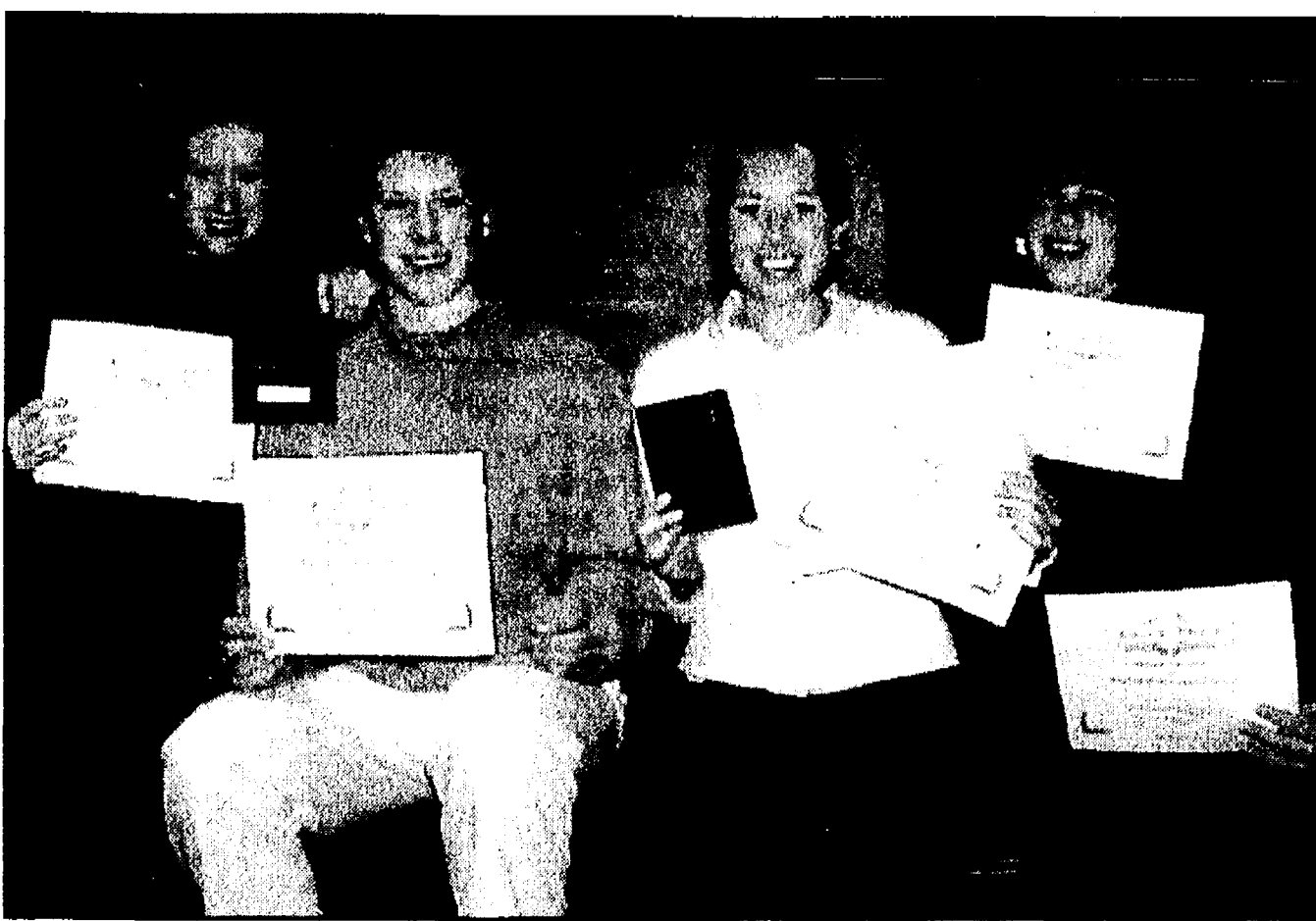
Involvement in Business Professionals of America enhances social awareness, civic responsibility, and understanding of the business community.

The mission of BPA is to contribute to the preparation of a world class work force through the advancement of leadership, citizenship and academic technological skills.

The GHS chapter of BPA includes the following students: Officers - Jesse Van Slyke (President - senior), Janelle Gregorich - (Vice President - senior), Kristal Schallau (Secretary - senior), Ashley Bancroft (Treasurer - senior), Amber Edgerton (Historian - senior), and Charles Peterson (Parliamentarian - junior). Other members include junior Justin DeVille and senior Cody Myers.

Advisors are: Terri Lasby and John Lasby, Business Service Technology teachers at GHS.

Students competed at regional level on Saturday, January 11. The competition was held at Central Michigan University (CMU) where over 600 students from Region VIII competed in a variety of business areas. The



Grayling High School Business Technology students Ashley Bancroft, Justin DeVille, Janelle Gregorich and Cody Myers are headed to BPA state competition.

31st annual Michigan Association State Leadership Conference will be held on March 6-9 at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. This year's theme is "My Time to Shine."

Gregorich, DeVille and Bancroft placed 1st in Administrative Support Team and will move on to state competition. Gregorich also placed 2nd in Basic Office Systems and Procedures and will compete at the state level in that category as well.

Myers will be moving on to

state competition after placing 5th in Keyboarding Production and 7th in Spreadsheet Applications and Analysis. Edgerton and Van Slyke will compete at state level in open events.

BPA is currently holding a fundraiser to try to raise money to take these students to state competition. Students are selling raffle tickets for \$10 each. The prize is an HP Pavilion computer with warranty, donated by Phil Lewis of the Grayling Generating Station.

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## Woman's journey is proof: welfare reform works

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Through the FIA and the state's Work First program, Van Pelt began her journey to self-sufficiency with training at the Grayling Nursing Centre, an extended care facility. Because of her dedication and hard work, she is now a Registered Care Provider at Compassionate Care Home Health Services in Gaylord.

Van Pelt's supervisor, Arlene Musakka, said, "Heather is honest, dependable and accepts constructive criticism well. Many of our clients ask specifically for Heather."

Presenting a framed certificate of achievement that day was

106th District State Representative Matt Gillard who said, "Heather's story is an example for the community to take responsibility for your own future. These programs work and Heather is a shining example for those who feel there is no hope."

Also in attendance were Crawford County Commissioner and FIA board liaison, Rick Anderson, and a representative from 36th District State Senator Tony Stamas' office, Matt Ivan, who congratulated Van Pelt on behalf of Sen. Stamas.

Newly appointed state FIA Director, Nannette Bowler, presented Van Pelt with the Achiever of the Month framed certificate and said, "This award places a face on those who strive so hard to better their lives. Today, we celebrate the journey along the way, as well as the achievements

of this young woman."

Pushman said Van Pelt's determination and willingness to work hard to improve her life is a gift to herself, the staff and the community. "It's a case like Heather's that encourages our staff to keep doing what we do here at FIA. She is a wonderful role model."

The Crawford County FIA Board of Directors also extended congratulations. Barbara Clark-Greene presented Van Pelt with a gift on behalf of herself and fellow board members Brad Summers and Bruce Schroeder who were both in attendance.

Van Pelt said she received support from so many people at work and at church, and especially from her parents, her six-year old daughter Kristin Condee, FIA caseworker Irene Dickie, her supervisor and her best friend,

Pam Studer. "And, I need to thank God," she added with tears welling up in her eyes. "Without Him, I don't know where I'd be."

Van Pelt, who explained FIA helped her find a car and insure it, and helped with her bills, said, "They never gave up on me; they were always there for me through all the rough times that could have stopped me from succeeding otherwise." But, she said, the most important thing continues to be the way she is treated with respect.

Van Pelt said she believes taxpayer dollars are well spent on the programs that have helped her along the way to become a productive member of the community and independent of state aid. She recently closed her file at FIA and hopes to finish her high school education in the near future.

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State Representative Matt Gillard (left) presented a certificate of achievement to Heather Van Pelt (center) and State FIA Director Nannette Bowler (right) presented her with the Achiever of the Month Award at a ceremony held January 17 at the Crawford County FIA office. Van Pelt has worked her way off of public assistance and hopes more people can do the same.

## Grayling grad begins political climb

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make him a clear choice."

Regardless of this weekend's outcome, Moore hopes to remain atop the list of future Republican leaders.

He has received support, both

grassroots and monetary, from not only the Crawford County Republican delegation, but also by elected officials across the state.

"I am grateful for all of the support I have received and look

forward to continuing the efforts of the Republican Party here in Michigan," said Moore.

Moore is the son of Steve Moore and Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore.

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**Charles Lee Suisse**  
July 16, 1955 - Jan. 14, 2003  
Charles Lee Suisse, age 47, of Grayling, died Tuesday, January 14. He was born on July 16, 1955 in St. Clair to Walter and Phyllis (Shaver) Suisse.

Charles was married to Sandra (Bowers) on December 17, 1988 in Port Huron.

He was part owner/operator of BRM Services in Port Huron. He previously worked as a DNR Park Officer at South Higgins Lake State Park.

Mr. Suisse, a former resident of Roscommon and Port Huron, was a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge, Chapter #827. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He served in the military for 20 years and continued to serve as a retired reserve for the U.S. Army.

Mr. Suisse enjoyed his grandchildren and hunting and fishing, boating, snowmobiling and watching the Weather Channel.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; his parents, Walter Suisse and Phyllis Currah; two daughters, Pamela of Port Huron and Christina of Higgins Lake; three sons, Brian (Jackie) Wood of Grayling, Tim (Brooke) Wood of Norfolk, VA and Adam Suisse of Port Huron; three sisters, Lynda of Kissimmee, FL, Sandy Suisse of Port Huron and Ruth (Gary) Wiegand of Marysville; three brothers, John (Whitney) Currah of North Street, Roger Suisse of Port Huron and Dick (Beth) Suisse of Prosser, WA; grandchildren, Caitlin and Austin Wood, Rachel, Julie, Leigh, John, Alex and numerous other grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

No services will be held at this time.

The family requests memorials be sent to the family in care of Faye Tackett, 214 Alexia Lane, Grayling, 49738.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In Memory of

Jack Mead

Nineteen years have passed and we still remember you smiling, laughing, caring and living life to the fullest. You cannot know how many lives you touched and how much your memory is cherished.

Your family and friends miss you terribly. Life is not the same without you.

The Family of Jack Mead

**John Earl Godbey**  
August 20, 1927 - Jan. 8, 2003  
John Earl Godbey, age 75, died Wednesday, January 8 in Hudson, Florida. He was born on August 20, 1927 in Sprague, West Virginia.

John was an avid golfer and former pilot of his own airplane. He was a member and supporter of the Grayling Booster Club and Grayling Eagles. He spent summers at his home on the AuSable River in Grayling.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 18 at the Thomas B. Dobies Funeral Home in Hudson, Florida. Reverend Jary Irby officiated. Tom Hunt and Irv McIsaac also spoke at the service.

Friends attending the service from Grayling were Tom and Jan Hunt, Irv and Eleanor McIsaac, and Steve and Dorothy Rossi. Many relatives and friends also attended the service. A luncheon took place at the newly remodeled oceanfront home of John and Gerry in Hudson, Florida.

Arrangements by Thomas B. Dobies Funeral Home, Hudson, Florida.

**Bonnie Jean Fling**  
January 5, 2003

Bonnie Jean Fling, age 73, of Gainesville, Florida passed away January 5 at North Regional Medical Center in Florida.

Mrs. Fling was born in Rivesville, WV and moved to Florida from Grayling in 1979. She and her husband, Ray, made their home in Grayling for 12 years.

Arrangements by Williams-Thomas Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 53 complaints during the week of January 13 - 19:

Two traffic accidents, two private property accidents, one traffic control incident, three larceny, six civil law violations, two juvenile, two traffic assists, one disorderly person, four suspicious situations, two drunk driving, six assist other department calls, one domestic dispute, two city ordinance, 15 unclassified, and four traffic warnings given.

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by Nova Anderson

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24 - Goulash/No Dinner; Beaver Creek Satellite at 12 noon, Pantry Bingo & 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

26 - Potluck at 3 p.m., bring a dish to pass.

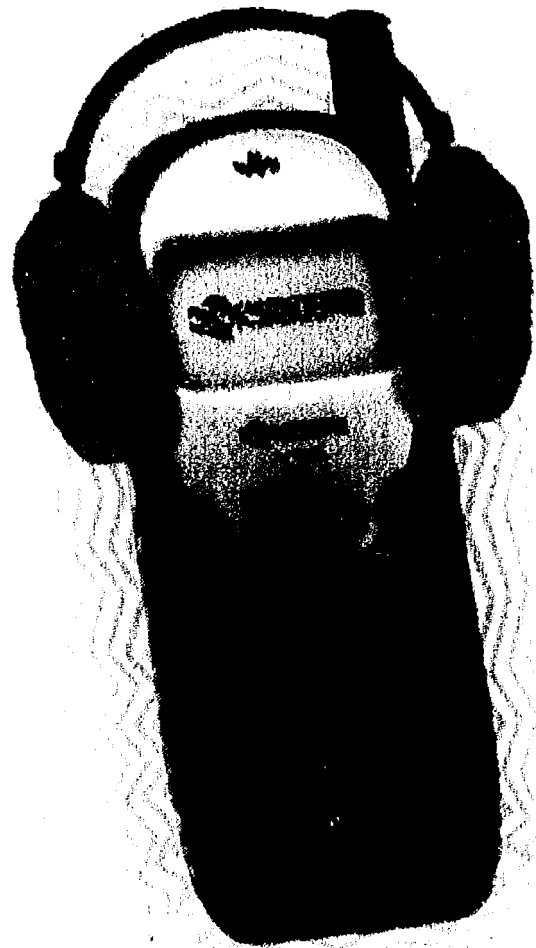
27 - Ham Steak/Stuffed Pepper; Stag Cards at 12 noon, Bridge at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

28 - Chicken ala King/Pork Cutlets; Euchre Club at 1 p.m., Movie Night at 5:30 p.m. (My Friend Flicka).

29 - Stuffed Peppers/Chopped Sirloin; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m., Bible Study at 10:30 a.m., Stag Cards at 12 noon, Craft Class at 1 p.m. and Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

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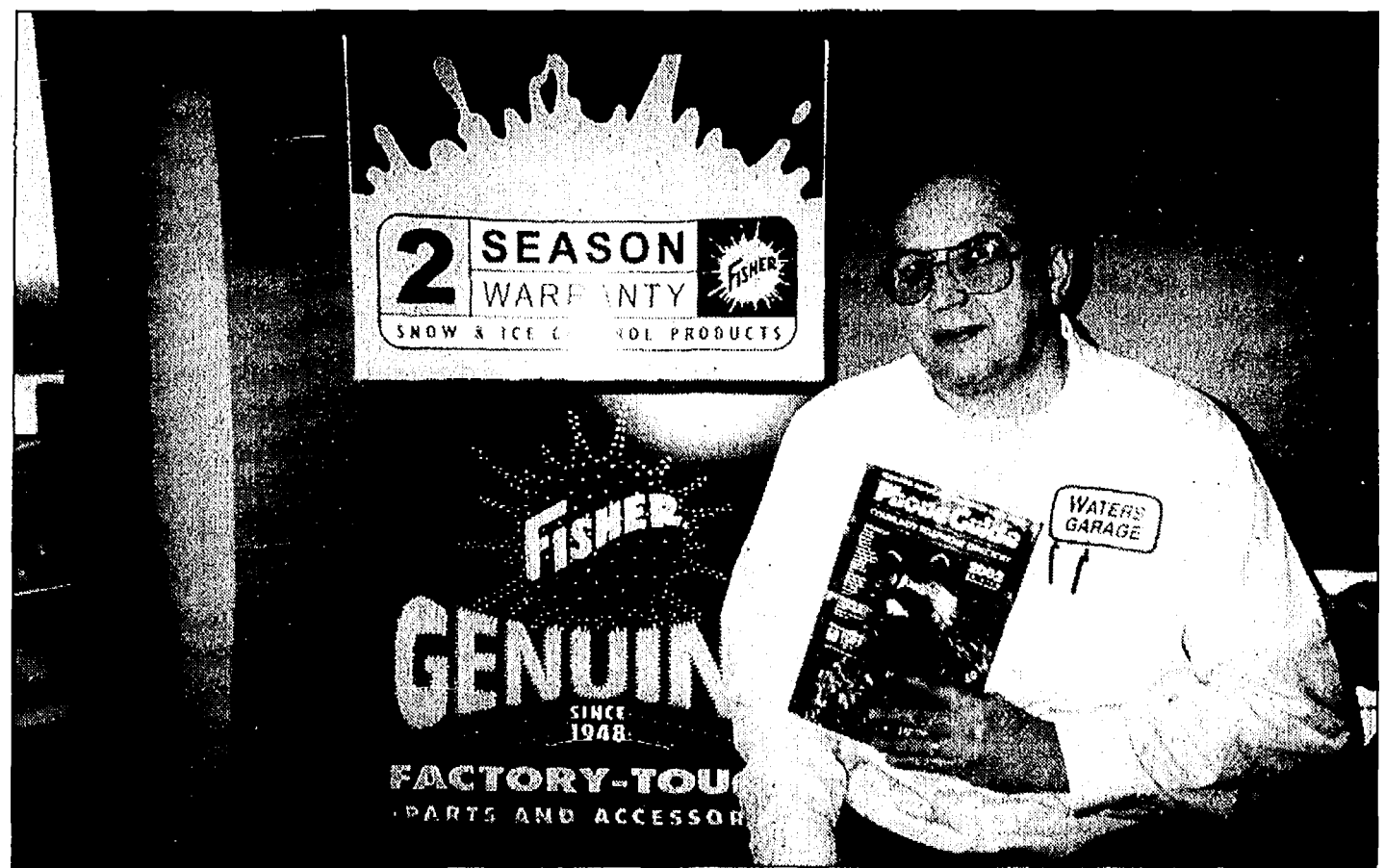
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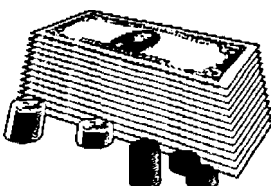
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## School board hears more from Frederic

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A 35th item stated, "in (the) 1966 consolidation Grayling was in debt and financial problems were faced. Frederic had no debt and was not in financial trouble - Grayling got (a) much larger tax base, land, and surplus funds from Frederic.

"Frederic got an opportunity for a more diverse high school offering and a written agreement to keep Frederic Elementary School and Frederic Junior High in Frederic. The former Frederic school district still brings in far more per student than the rest of CASD (Crawford AuSable School District).

"We as members of CASD need a strong school board and administration to make cuts throughout the schools and not use our resources to close one school."

Clem Sajdak, of Frederic, asked the board to remember Frederic as part of the Crawford AuSable School District, not as a satellite. He added that everyone in the

school district should be treated equally.

William Johnson, a member of the Frederic Township Board, presented the school board with a resolution from the township (see following).

Myrna Newberry, of Frederic, asked when the board would make their decision. Board President Karl Schreiner said it would be no earlier than the next regularly scheduled board meeting and possibly later.

At the conclusion of the public comment session, the board scheduled a special board meeting to be held at Frederic Elementary at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 5 to deal only with the proposed closure of Frederic Elementary.

At that meeting the board will have documentation and answers for all of the questions they have received. They will also have found out what other school districts of similar size are doing in the face of financial problems. Board members will have attended

a financial workshop and will have a list of proposed cuts. They will also have the recommendations of the administrative team regarding proposed cuts.

Frederic Township Resolution  
January 14, 2003  
Closing of Frederic Elementary School

WHEREAS: The Crawford AuSable Schools superintendent is ignoring the Crawford AuSable Board resolutions of 1966 (which came up missing) and August 19, 1991, that states that the board will keep the Frederic Elem. School open for elementary students of the Frederic area.

WHEREAS: The superintendent is recommending to the Board of Education that they close the Frederic Elementary School in order to save money.

WHEREAS: In the 1991 resolution that states, the board will keep the school open as long as the school age population in the Frederic Elementary Attendance area continues to require at least

one classroom per grade level.

WHEREAS: The Crawford AuSable Board resolved and pledged continuation of excellent education programming at the Frederic Elementary School.

WHEREAS: The school has transferred students from the Frederic area to the Grayling Elementary, for the convenience of transportation.

WHEREAS: By closing of the Frederic School, it would be devastating to the Town of Frederic.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that The Frederic Township Board of Trustees does not support the closing of the Frederic Elementary School for any reason.

The foregoing resolution offered by the Board of Trustees by a roll call vote:

Ron Lewis "Aye"

Nancy Bindschatel "Aye"

Earnest Barber "Aye"

William Johnson "Aye"

Sandra Barber "Absent"

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Varsity b-ball 3B

## Vikings win tripleheader

### Grayling leads the NEMC at 5-0

► Vikings keep their league streak alive with 60-53 win over Ogemaw

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team preserved its perfect conference record with a 60-53 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling on Friday.

The Vikings (6-2 overall) are leading the North East Michigan Conference with a 5-0 league record.

The first half of the Ogemaw game was a low scoring affair.

Grayling led 10-4 after the first period. The Vikings scored their 10 on a shot inside by Roy Czapek, a tip-in by Joe Lange on an in-bounds pass from Gibson Tobin, a shot inside by Joe Zelek on a pass from Lange, and free throws (two each) by Tobin and Lange.

Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter. Most of the action was at the free throw line — 26 fouls shots were taken in the eight-minute period.

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See "GRAYLING..."

### JV team 8-0 after 62-54 victory

► Junior varsity basketball squad posts eight-point win over Falcons

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

A 62-54 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Friday improved the GHS junior varsity boys basketball team's season record to 8-0.

Grayling led for most of the contest, but West Branch kept the game close and threatened to steal the game late in the fourth quarter. The Falcons got

within two in the final minutes, but the Vikings hit their free throws down the stretch and held on for the win.

GHS outscored West Branch 21-13 in the first quarter. Grayling scored its 21 on a lay-up by Hinkle on the tip-off play, a shot inside by Bobby Starks, a drive by Ryan Schmidt, a triple by Hinkle, a lay-up by Schmidt, jumpers by D.J. Metzger and Tyler Cragg, a lay-up and a shot inside by Starks, and a drive by Hinkle on a pass from Starks.

A jump shot by Hinkle and a

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See "JV TEAM..."

### 9th graders still unbeaten at 6-0

► Freshman team defeats West Branch Ogemaw Heights 77-65

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team won its sixth consecutive game last week with a 77-65 victory over the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling on Friday night.

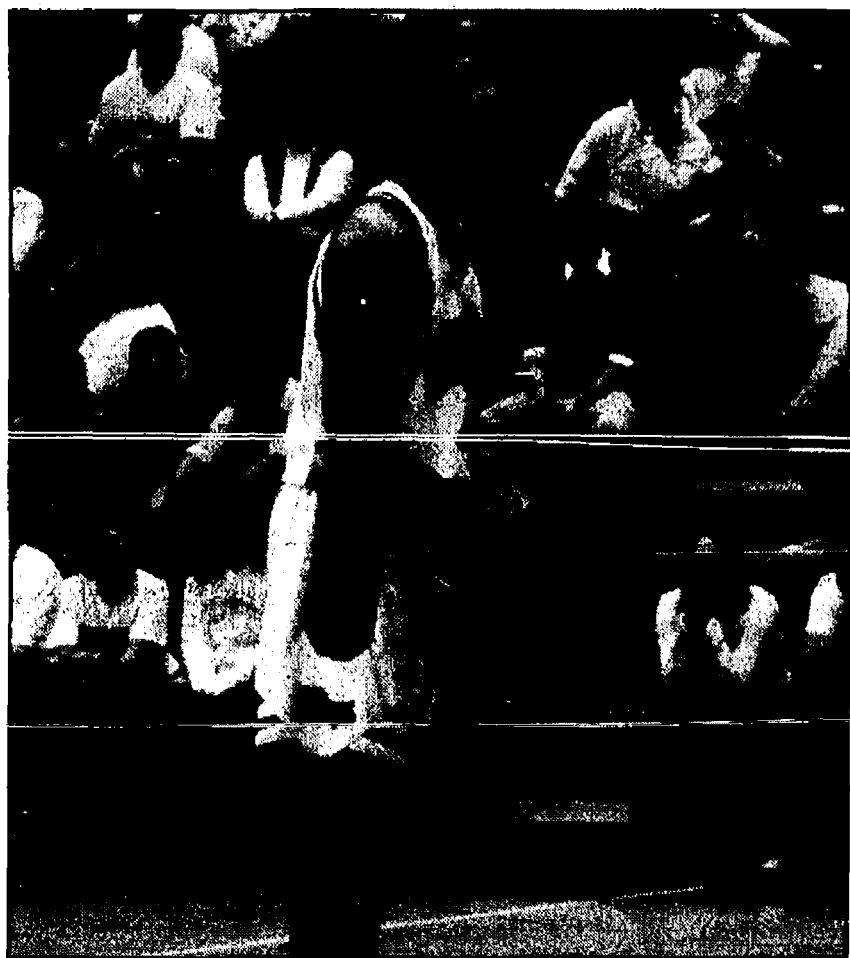
The Vikings got off to a slow start but won the game with a strong second half effort.

Grayling trailed 19-18 at the end of the first quarter. Eli VanNuck had eight of Grayling's 18 first quarter points. The Vikings also scored on a drive by Zeke Hayes, a shot inside by Zach Dean, a put-back by Dean, and two jump shots by Hayes.

West Branch outscored GHS 13-10 in the second period to lead 32-28 at the half. The Vikings scored their 10 on two jumpers and a put-back by Reagan Schmidt, a jumper by J.C. Schneider, and a jump shot by Zac Baker.

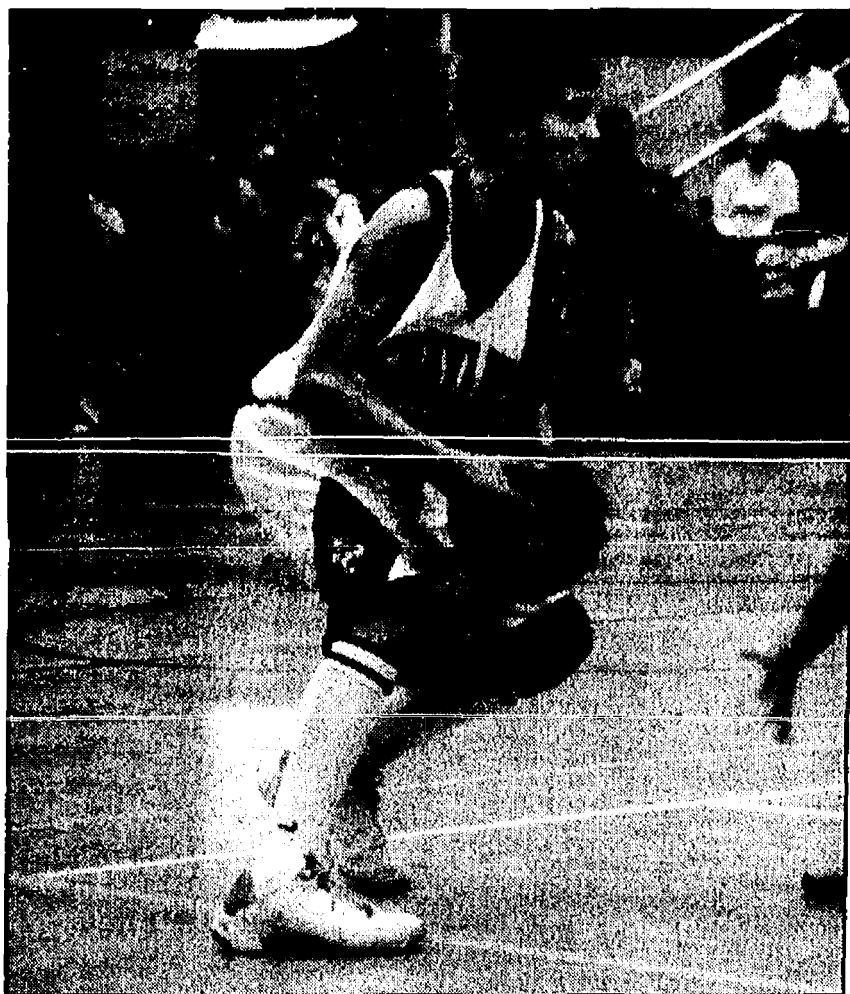
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See "9TH GRADERS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Joe Lange takes a free throw shot in the varsity game against Ogemaw Heights on Friday.



Ryan Schmidt handles the ball for Grayling in Friday night's JV match at GHS.



Zac Baker drives the ball down the sideline on Friday night vs. West Branch.

## Wrestlers win 1, lose 1 in league meet

► Vikings place 8th out of 17 teams at Ithaca tournament

In a three-way conference wrestling meet last Thursday, Grayling High School defeated Oscoda 42-36 but lost to Pinconning 52-22.

"It was a tough meet and a lot of matches could have went either way," said Coach Don Ferguson.

For Grayling, Adam Malone (130) and Brandon Pratt (171) each won both of their matches.

James Walker (125), Brian Borchers (135), Joel Wilson (145), Mike Gassman (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Don Starks (189), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) each had one victory for the Vikings.

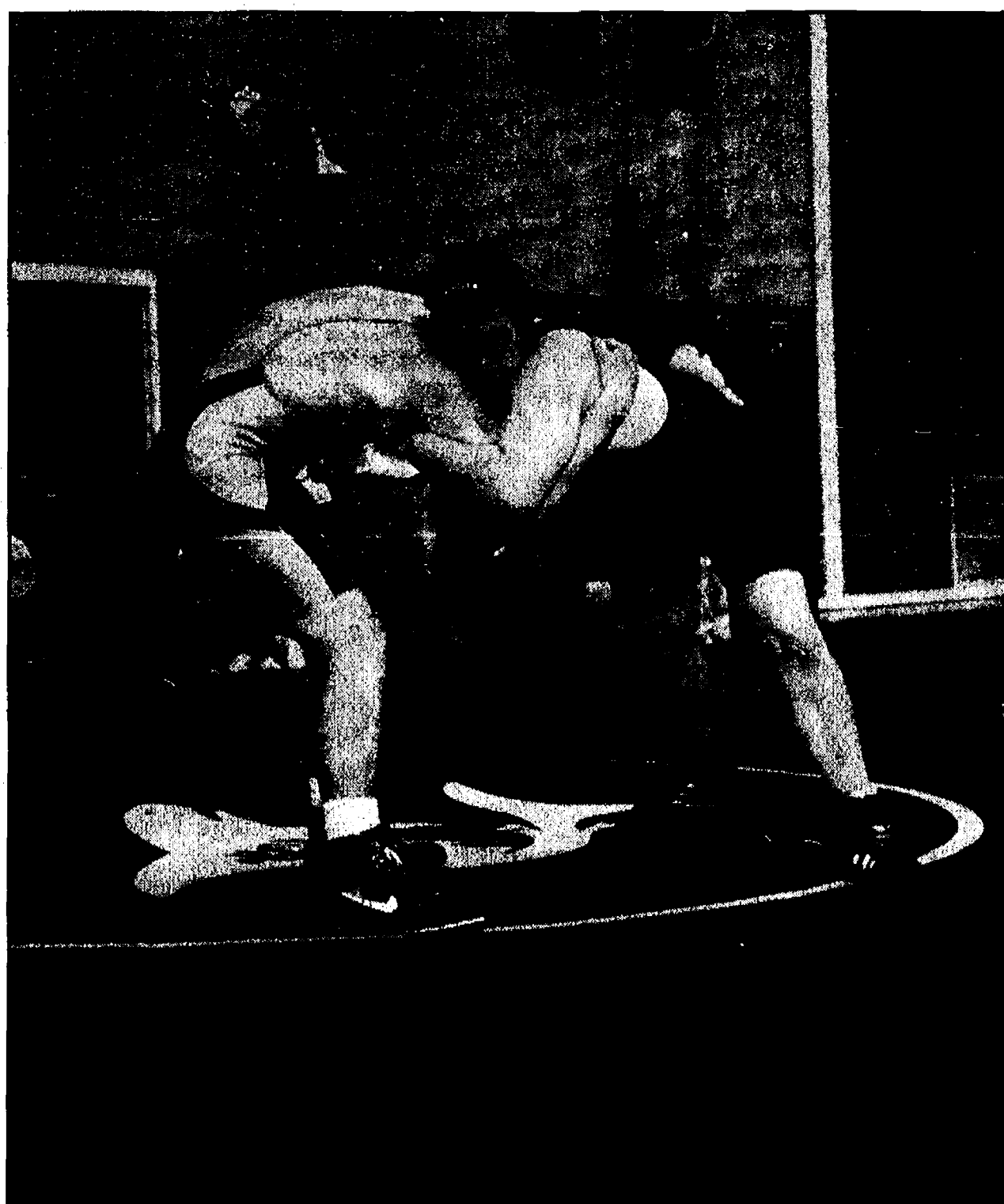
On Saturday, Grayling placed 8th at a 17-team tournament in Ithaca.

Wilson (145) placed 2nd in his weight class. Wilson, a freshman, is 17-5 so far this season.

Babbitt (160) placed 3rd. He won four matches and lost one (to a defending state champion from Ithaca). "It was a great match," Coach Ferguson said.

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See "WRESTLERS WIN..."



GHS wrestler Aaron Rosecrans competes in a match at the Ithaca tournament on Saturday.

## Ski team still tops in conference

► GHS ski teams are still unbeaten after second week of competition

After competing against seven other squads, the Grayling High School ski teams are still tops in the Central Alpine Ski Conference — and unbeaten.

In the second week of competition, Grayling's girls ski team defeated Clare twice, Farwell once, and tied with Mt. Pleasant.

On Tuesday, the girls team beat Clare 29-44 and tied Mt. Pleasant 37-37. The leading skier for GHS in the meet was Mallory Olson, who finished with 10 total points in four races. Olson placed 2nd in both slalom races and 3rd in both giant slalom (GS) races.

Jill Seager was second overall with 27 points. She took 8th and 9th in slalom and 4th and 6th in GS. Heather Vandecar and Kassie McClain had 28 points each. Vandecar placed 1st in both slaloms but disqualified in GS. McClain was 7th in both slalom races and 7th and 10th in GS.

Andria Alvarez had 19 points. She placed 1st and 2nd in GS but disqualified in slalom. Jessica Thomson had 30 total points, placing 4th and 6th in slalom and 9th and 11th in GS.

"The girls are pushing their limits very hard," Coach Mike Wieland said. "They are just not real consistent yet due to the lack of good snow early in the season. We need to keep those top skiers on their feet. We have had great help from our team depth in remaining undefeated."

The boys team beat Clare 23-63 and Mt. Pleasant 28-48. The leading skier for GHS was Trevor Clough, who finished with nine points on two 1st place slalom finishes and a 3rd and 4th in GS.

Jim Jansen was second on the team with 12 points. He placed 1st and 2nd in GS and 4th and 5th in slalom. Pat McNally scored 14 points, placing 3rd and 4th in slalom and 2nd and 3rd in GS.

John Handy had 16 points. He placed 2nd and 3rd in slalom and 6th and 4th in GS. Eric Hunter scored 29 points with 5th and 7th place finishes in slalom and 7th and 10th in GS. Adam Gilbert scored 34 points with 6th and 8th in slalom and 8th and 12th in GS.

"The boys really want the league championship this year and Clare and Mt. Pleasant have always been their biggest competition. If they remain as focused as they appear to be

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See "SKI TEAM STILL..."



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# 9th graders still unbeaten at 6-0

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The Vikings were plagued by turnovers all through the first half, but Grayling took better care of the ball in the second half.

GHS opened the third quarter with an 11-0 run, which included a shot inside by Schmidt, jumpers by Dean and Baker, a drive by VanNuck, and free throws by Baker and VanNuck.

West Branch scored the next two baskets to cut Grayling's lead to three, 39-36.

The Vikings responded with an 8-0 run that included baskets by Baker, Schmidt, and VanNuck and two free throws by Schneider.

Ogemaw scored the next six points to pull within five. A shot inside by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to four, 48-44.

A put-back by Dean put the Vikings up by six. A shot inside by Ogemaw cut it back down to four. A three-point play by Baker with 37 seconds left in the third quarter - the last points of the period - gave GHS a 53-46 advantage.

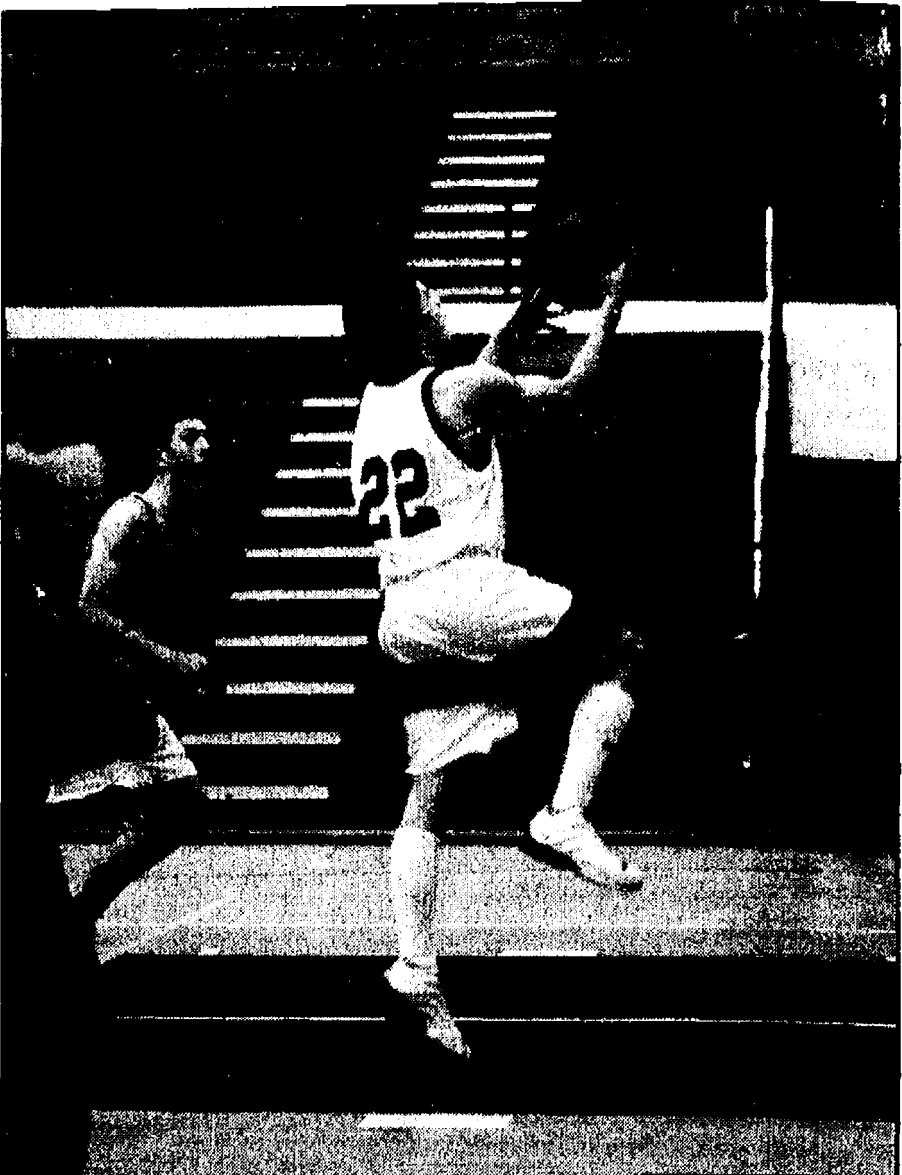
A jump shot by Ryan Feldhauser put Grayling up by nine. West Branch answered to pull back within seven. Free throws by Baker, VanNuck, and Schneider put GHS up by 13.

The Vikings continued to hit their free throws down the stretch and won the game by 12, 77-65. Grayling shot 16 for 19 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

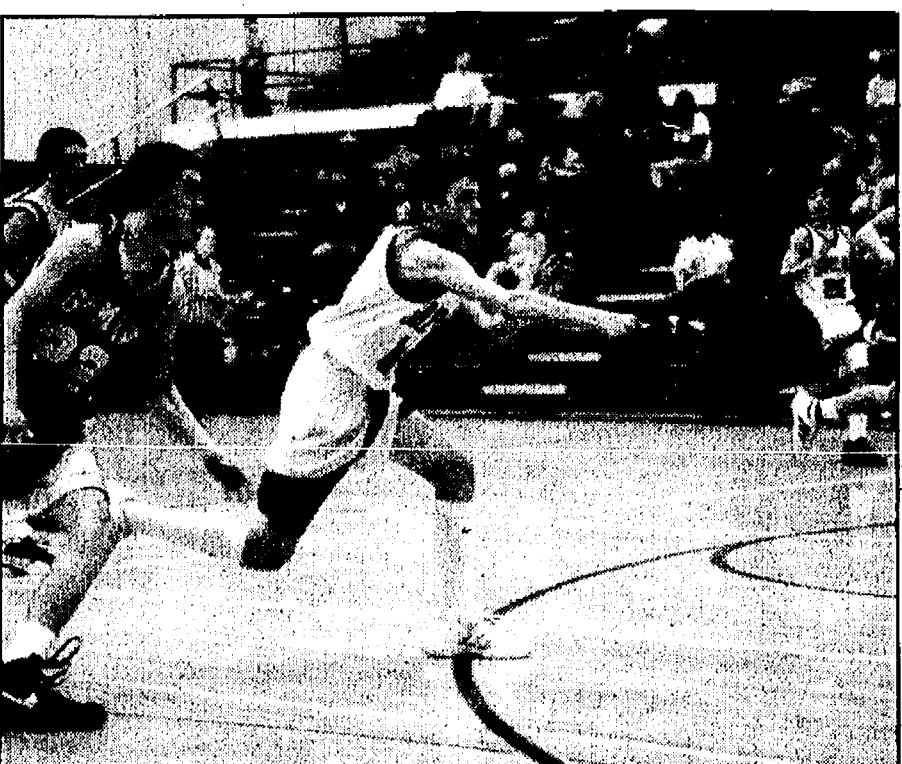
Four GHS players reached double digits in scoring: Dean (17), VanNuck (14), Baker (14), and Schmidt (12). Hayes finished with nine and Schneider had eight.

The victory improved Grayling's season record to 6-0.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:30 p.m.



Reagan Schmidt drives in for a lay-up for the freshman team in the game vs. West Branch on Friday.



Ryan Feldhauser passes off to a teammate in Friday night's win over Ogemaw at GHS.

# Ski team still tops in conference

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focused as they appear to be now, they took a big step towards that goal by defeating both Clare and Mt. Pleasant this week," Coach Wieland said.

On Thursday, the Vikings faced Clare and Farwell at Snowsnake (near Clare).

Grayling's girls team defeated Clare 29-48 and Farwell 21-63.

For GHS, Olson and Alvarez each had nine points. Alvarez placed 3rd in both slaloms and 1st and 2nd in GS. Olson was 2nd in both slalom races and 2nd and 3rd in GS.

Seager was third overall with 18 points. She placed 4th and 5th in slalom and 9th and 7th in GS.

Vandecar won the slalom races and had the fastest time in her first GS run, but lost a ski in the starting gate of her second run and was disqualified.

"The girls team has three girls that are winning races. In the 14 races they have competed in, they have 12 victories between them. If we can get the top three to finish every race we would be tougher as a team, but that's the nature of ski racing - skiing as fast as you can and not crashing is what it is all about," Coach Wieland said.

The boys team extended its winning streak at Snowsnake by defeating Clare 28-50 and Farwell 21-68.

The Vikings were led by Clough, who posted five points with two 1st place finishes in slalom and a 1st and 2nd in GS. Jansen scored 12 team points with a 2nd and 3rd in GS and 3rd and 4th in slalom.

Handy was third overall in the meets with 14 points. He finished 3rd and 4th in slalom and 5th in both GS races. Gilbert placed 3rd and 4th in GS and 8th and 9th in slalom for 24 total points.

Hunter scored 27 team points with 5th and 7th in GS and 7th and 8th in slalom.

"McInally had an off day for him and scored 30 total points, falling or climbing in all events," Coach Wieland said.

McInally placed 5th and 6th in slalom and 9th and 10th in GS.

The GHS ski teams will compete at Snowsnake again on Thursday, January 23 against Harrison and Mt. Pleasant at 2 p.m.

"This rematch on Mt. Pleasant's home hill will be very important in league standings," Coach Wieland said.

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Andria had two 1st place, two 2nd place, and two 3rd place finishes in eight races. Handy came up big in meets with Mt. Pleasant and Clare. The team used all eight of his races for scoring, averaging a 3.7 finish.



# Vikes score 84 in win over G's

► Varsity boys basketball squad defeats Gladwin 84-55 in Grayling

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School poured in 84 points in a 29-point non-conference victory over Gladwin in last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game at GHS.

(The Flying G's of Gladwin were in the North East Michigan Conference last year, but they are now a part of the Jack Pine Conference.)

Grayling jumped out to a 7-0 lead early on a triple by Gibson Fobin, a shot inside by Joe Lange, and a drive by Tobin.

The Vikings scored 11 more points in the first period on two baskets by Adam Kaiser, a jump shot by Andy Strohpaal, a drive by Chad Helsel, and free throws by Helsel and Roger Alvarez.

GHS led 18-13 after one quarter of play.

Grayling's offense exploded for 30 points in the second quarter.

The Vikings hit six three-pointers in the period — three by Tobin and one each by Greg Morrill, Alvarez, and Strohpaal. Grayling was 8 for 8 at the free throw line with Tobin and Alvarez each knocking down 4

of 4 at the stripe. Joe Zelek and Kaiser each had a field goal for GHS in the period.

With the big second quarter, Grayling led 48-24 at halftime.

The Vikings outscored the G's 18-13 in the third period to add to their lead. Grayling scored its 18 on a triple by Helsel, a drive by Tobin, jump shots by Morrill and Lange, two shots inside by Roy Czapek, and five points by Kaiser.

The game ended with an 18-18 fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored 18 on a three-point play by Czapek, a jumper by Phil Armstrong, a shot inside by Morrill, a jump shot by Zelek on a pass from Armstrong, and free throws by Morrill (4 for 4) and Strohpaal.

Grayling won by a final score of 84-55.

Tobin led GHS in points, rebounds, and assists in the match with 20, 6, and 5, respectively. Morrill and Kaiser each finished with 11 points, and Alvarez had 10.

On defense, Lange had 5 blocked shots. Tobin and Kaiser each had 6 steals.

"I was pleased with our progress in this game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We did some very nice things offensively as far as locating the open player and delivering the basketball to them in a position that they could score. Our intensity was also very good. Our kids did a nice

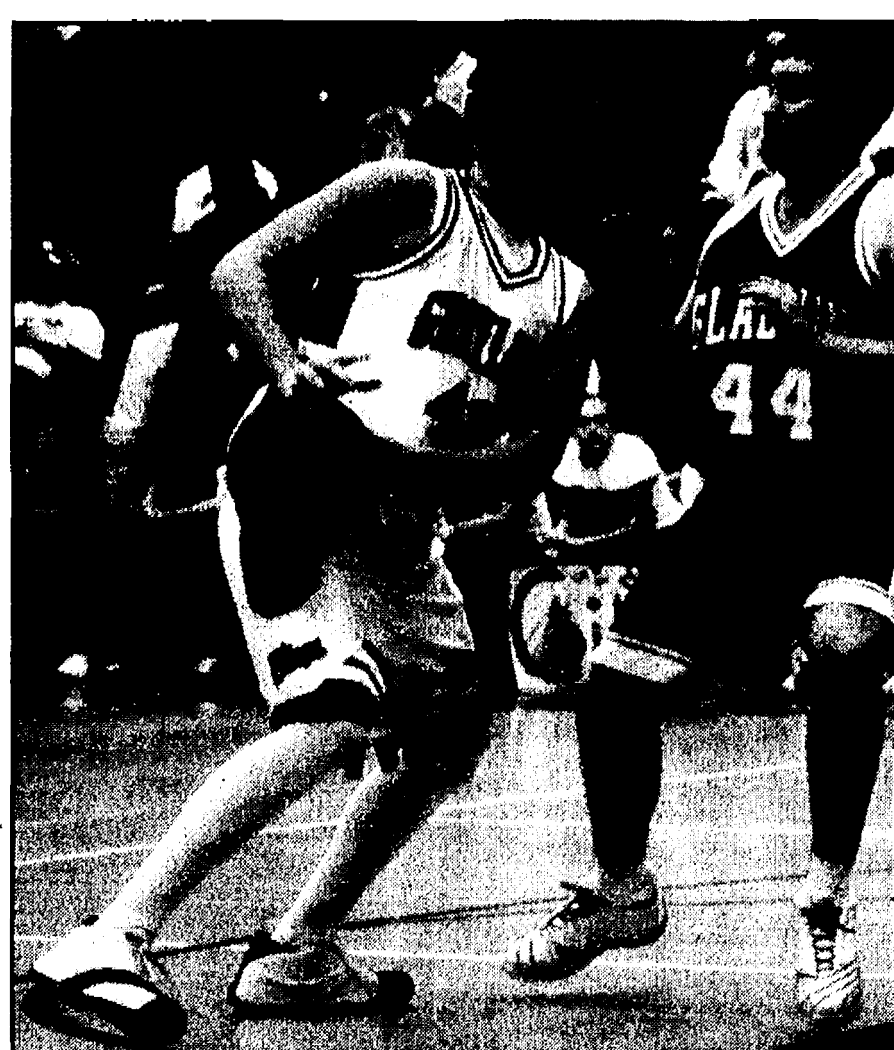


Photo by Caleb Casey  
Greg Morrill handles the ball at the top of the key in Tuesday's victory over Gladwin.

job of pressuring the ball in our man to man and our trapping defense."

"We did not have a very good practice on Monday," Coach Moffit added. "I think our kids were disappointed in their effort on Monday since we kicked them out of practice after an hour. The kids answered the challenge tonight as far as

improving each and every day that we are on the court together."

"We have some huge league games coming up and we need to continue to improve in all facets of the game. We have a long ways to go and our work ethic is going to dictate how good we are at the end of the year," Moffit said.

## Grayling leads the NEMC at 5-0

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Grayling scored its 13 second quarter points on a triple by Chad Helsel, a fast break lay-up by Adam Kaiser, a put-back by Travis Helsel, and free throws by Kaiser, Lange, and Roger Alvarez.

At the half, Grayling led 23-17.

The Vikings edged Ogemaw 18-15 in the third period. Grayling's third quarter scoring included a triple by Kaiser, a lay-up by C. Helsel, a shot inside and a jumper by Lange, a jump shot by Andy Strohpaal, a triple by Greg Morrill, and a free throw by Tobin.

GHS ended the period with a three-pointer at the buzzer by Strohpaal. Strohpaal hit the shot after receiving a pass from Morrill, who tossed the ball in to his teammate while diving out of bounds to keep the ball in.

Grayling had a 41-32 lead going into the fourth quarter.

A lay-up by Strohpaal put GHS up by 11. A lay-up and a free throw by Ogemaw cut it to eight. A put-back by Czapek gave Grayling a 10-point lead with 5:25 left in the game.

West Branch scored the next two baskets to pull within six. A drive by Strohpaal and two free throws each by Lange and Tobin put GHS up 51-39 with 3:16 remaining.

A lay-up by Tobin on a pass from Kaiser and free throws by Kaiser and Czapek extended Grayling's advantage to 14, 55-41, with 1:35 left in the fourth quarter.

## Volleyball squad falls to 1-1 in league

In varsity girls volleyball action last week, Grayling High School lost a close league meet at Bay City John Glenn 2-0 by scores of 15-13 and 15-9.

The loss dropped Grayling's North East Michigan Conference record to 1-1.

"We led both games but couldn't hold on," Coach Angie Golnick said. "Our serving really hurt our chances of winning. I'm encouraged by the fact we are 1-1 in the conference. We have a chance of doing fairly well on the season."

Grayling player statistics in the Bay City meet included: Angeanette Lovely — 3 aces, 4 kills; Ashley Hawley — 16 blocks, 2 aces, 3 kills; Jamie Zelek — 2 aces, 3 kills; Heather Metzger — 8 assists, 4 kills; Hannah Hall — 1 ace, 2 kills.

The GHS volleyball teams will host the Bobcats of Houghton

NEMC			
VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS			
team	league record	overall record	
GRAYLING	5-0	6-2	
BC John Glenn	4-2	5-4	
Tawas	2-2	5-3	
Oscoda	2-3	5-3	
Standish Sterling	1-3	3-5	
Ogemaw Heights	1-3	2-5	
Pinconning	1-3	2-8	

NEMC standings compiled by  
The Bay City Times

A put-back and a lay-up after a full court pressure steal by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to 10. A triple and a two-point field goal by Ogemaw pulled the Falcons within six, 56-50, with

24 seconds left.

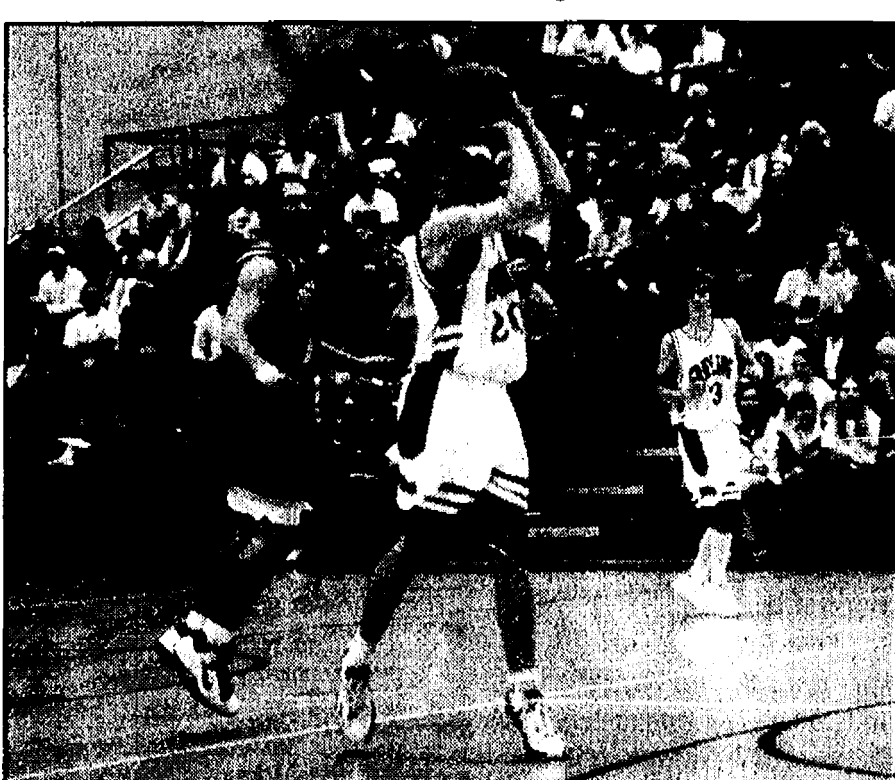
Ogemaw fouled to stop the clock. Tobin hit both free throws to put GHS ahead by eight.

West Branch scored a triple to pull within five with nine seconds left in the game.

Ogemaw fouled. With two seconds left, Strohpaal hit both free throws, resulting in a final score of Grayling 60, West Branch 53.

Strohpaal was the leading scorer for GHS with 12 points. Lange posted a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Kaiser scored 10 in the game. Tobin led the team in assists with 5, and Kaiser led the squad in steals with 5.

"We struggled throughout this game," said Coach Rich Moffit. "This game was a 'grinder.' Our kids grinded out a win. We



Andy Strohpaal shoots a three-pointer in the game against Ogemaw on Friday.

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# JV squad beats G's by 19

► Junior varsity team defeats Gladwin 54-35 in Grayling

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the Flying G's of Gladwin 54-35 in Grayling last Tuesday. The victory improved Grayling's season record to 7-0.

The Vikings got off to a strong start. Grayling opened the first quarter with a 10-0 run that included a three-point play by Josh Hinkle, two free throws by Josh Millikin, a shot inside by Bobby Starks, a free throw by Hinkle, and a put-back by Jess Bobenmoyer.

GHS scored 11 more points in the first period on jumpers by Hinkle and D.J. Metzger, a lay-up and a triple by Starks, and a shot inside by Matt Swope.

Grayling led 21-6 after one quarter of play.

In a low-scoring second quarter, Gladwin edged Grayling 8-7.

The Vikings scored their seven on lay-ups by Hinkle and Bobenmoyer, a jump shot by Hinkle, and a free throw by Millikin.

At halftime, Grayling had a



D.J. Metzger looks to pass in Tuesday night's game vs. Gladwin at GHS.

28-14 cushion.

After a slow second quarter, the Vikings outscored Gladwin 15-3 in the third period to take a 43-17 advantage into the fourth.

Grayling scored its 15 third quarter points on two drives and a triple by Hinkle, two drives by

Ryan Schmidt, a jumper by Metzger, and a shot inside by Millikin.

Gladwin made up some ground in the fourth quarter, but Grayling won the match by 19 points, 54-35.

Grayling's 11 points in the

fourth period were the result of two put-backs by Millikin, a shot inside and a lay-up by Russ Peters, a shot inside by Alex McNamara, and free throws by Millikin and Peters.

Hinkle was the high scorer for Grayling with 17 points.

## JV team 8-0 after 62-54 victory

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fast break lay-up by Starks gave GHS a 25-13 lead to open the second quarter. From there, Ogemaw went on an 11-0 run to pull within one with 3:21 left in the first half.

A lay-up by Hinkle put the Vikings up by three. A shot inside and two free throws by Ogemaw gave the Falcons a one-

point edge.

A drive by Hinkle, a jumper by Schmidt, and a shot inside by Schneider put Grayling up by five. A three-point play by Ogemaw cut the GHS lead down to two.

A three-pointer at the buzzer by Schmidt gave the Vikings a 37-31 advantage at halftime.

Grayling outscored West Branch 14-9 in the third period. The Vikings scored their 14 points on a put-back by Matt Swope, four free throws by Hinkle, a put-back and a drive by Ryan Davis, a drive by Schmidt, and a shot inside by Josh Millikin.

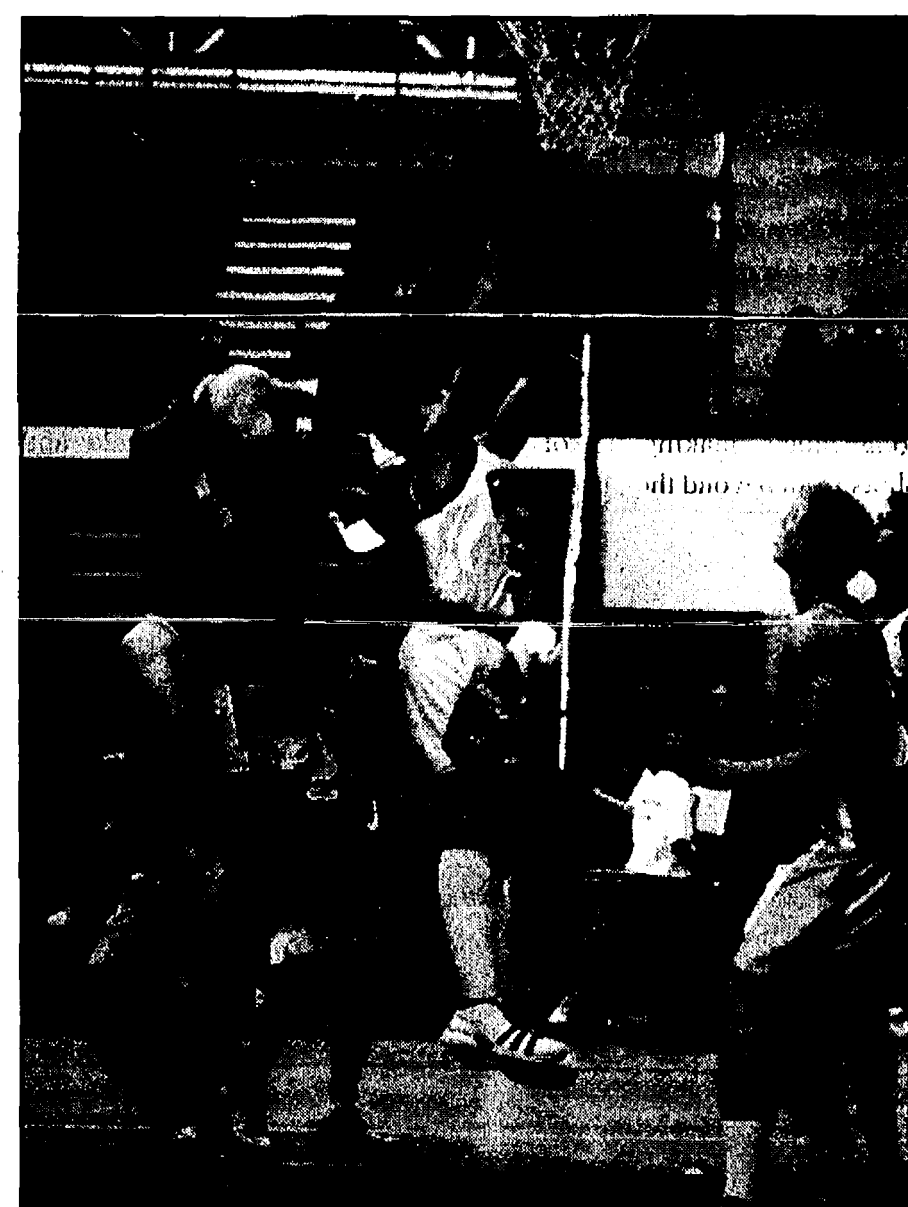
The Vikings took a 51-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

Ogemaw opened the period with a 7-0 run to get right back into it. A shot inside by Jess Bobenmoyer put Grayling up by six with 4:43 remaining.

A put-back and two free throws by Ogemaw cut Grayling's lead to two with just over three minutes on the clock.

A pair of free throws by Schmidt gave Grayling a four-point edge. With two free throws, West Branch pulled back within two.

A drive by Starks at the 2:07 mark put the Vikings back up by four. Two free throws by Hinkle on a one and one chance extended Grayling's lead to six. Ogemaw fouled to stop the clock. Davis hit one of two at the line to put GHS up by seven.



Matt Swope goes up for a shot inside in the West Branch game on Friday.

A free throw by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to six. Ogemaw did not score again. The Vikings scored two more points on free throws by Schmidt and Davis.

Hinkle blocked a West Branch shot, and Davis rebounded an Ogemaw miss to end the final

possession for the Falcons.

Grayling won 62-54.

Hinkle was the leading scorer for Grayling with 20 points. Schmidt finished with 14, and Starks scored 10. Ten Vikings scored in the match.

The JV team will play at Oscoda on Friday, January 24.

## 8th graders win two, lose one

In recent games, Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (white) team defeated Gaylord and West Branch Surline but lost to Roscommon.

On January 13, the Vikings won at home against the Gaylord Blue Devils 25-16.

Nick Parkinson scored 14 for Grayling in the win. Moses Peters, Jeremiah Bootz, Joel Collins, and Carlos Ledesma also had points for the Vikings in the match.

"We are still having problems protecting the ball and have to improve our ball handling," Coach Jim Burch said. "The team played well at times. We are rebounding better but have to improve our defense and foul shooting. I am pleased with their progress."

On January 9, Grayling routed West Branch Surline 44-6 in Grayling.

"The team played well both defensively and offensively,"

Coach Burch said. "Everyone contributed to the win. The team is improving with each game."

Parkinson led the scoring effort for GMS with 12 points. Peters had 9, and Terry Fraley scored 8. Collins, Bootz, Tim Hatley, Ledesma, Spencer Derenzy, and Dennis Nelson also scored for Grayling.

On January 8, Grayling lost to Roscommon 20-8 in Grayling.

Peters, Parkinson, and Pat Belcher scored the only GMS points in the contest.

"We did not protect the ball very well. Their press caused turnovers which turned into easy baskets. We were behind 16-1 at the half. We made some adjustments and played good defense and outscored them 7-4 in the second half," Coach Burch said. "I am proud of the way the team played in the second half."

The 8th grade team plays at Roscommon on Monday, January 27.

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# Wrestlers win 1, lose 1 in league meet

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Pratt (171) took 4th in his division. He was 3-2 at the tournament.

Malone (130), 3-2 at the tournament, placed 5th. "Adam wrestled strong and did a good job," Coach Ferguson said.

Rosecrans (215) finished 6th in his weight class and Gassman (152) placed 7th. Starks (189) and Emily Harvey (103) also scored team points for GHS.

"Most of the teams were from the southern part of the state," Coach Ferguson said. "It was a tough tournament and our kids wrestled up to the challenge."

The Vikings will compete in the Gaylord Invitational this Saturday.



Joel Wilson wrestles at Ithaca on Saturday. Wilson placed 2nd in his weight class at the 17-team tournament.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Mens Team

ROSCOMMON - A rare technical foul by the Kirtland Firebirds ignited a rally from 10 points back and Alpena won going away Saturday, 94-86.

"We've got to win that game," a dejected coach Glen Donahue said. His team was playing at home against its northern rival and led comfortably much of the way after a 12-2 start. But early in the second half, guard Jake Milarch was whistled for a technical for protesting an official's call. That's when Alpena began its comeback.

"We're up by 10 points. We've got to keep it going," Donahue said. "All of a sudden, they're scoring points with the clock stopped. But that hasn't been typical of our club. We just don't get technical fouls."

That, compounded by some critical errors at both ends of the court down the stretch, sealed the Firebirds' fate.

"We made too many mistakes down at the end to win the ballgame," Donahue said. "But give Alpena credit. They played well." Alpena singled the net from long range, making 13 of 24 shots from beyond the three-point line.

Justin Miller scored 23 points, Erik Parker had 16 points and 11 rebounds, Brent Wichtner had 18 points and Josh Walker added 12 for Alpena, 12-3 overall and 3-1 in the Michigan Community

College Athletic Association.

Sophomore center Alvaides Gedminas had 24 points and 11 rebounds and freshman forward Jeremy Rau had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Kirtland, while Reuben Edwards added 14 points and Milarch 13. Kirtland fell to 8-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

"It's just a matter of all of us getting it done together," Donahue said. "Hopefully, we'll be a much better team in a week or two."

### Womens Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland's Lady Firebirds finally played the game they've been looking for - and they couldn't have picked a better time.

Led by the stellar play at both ends of the court by sophomore guard Amy Jordan, the Ladybirds went on a second-half scoring rampage that carried them to an 88-56 victory Saturday over archrival Alpena.

The teams were tied, 37-37, at the intermission.

"It was a lot of fun, playing in this game," said Jordan, who finished with 17 points, a game-high 13 rebounds, eight steals and eight assists. "We really wanted to win this game. It's such a great rivalry."

Indeed, the game between Northern Michigan's only two college basketball programs featured several athletes well acquainted with one another.

Kirtland's Becca Miller and Jeni Kemp, teammates at Mio High, played against another teammate at Mio, Alpena freshman Joni Ames, as well as several other women who played together or against one another growing up in the region.

"Both teams were nervous," Kirtland coach Jimmy Parker said. "I think both sides were too keyed up to start the game."

With the game on the line, however, Kirtland played perhaps its best 20 minutes of basketball this season to end a four-game losing streak and earn its first win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. The Ladybirds are 1-4 in the conference, 6-11 overall.

"That was the first time all year everything has come together for us," said Miller, the sophomore guard who serves as co-captain with Jordan. "We finally just put everything aside and played basketball. We didn't let every little thing bother us like we have been."

Sophomore center Jillian Schultz, in one of her most inspired performances, finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds. She also hit 11 of 15 free throws. Free-throw shooting has been Kirtland's Achilles heel all season, but the women made 34 of 51 attempts from the line to help

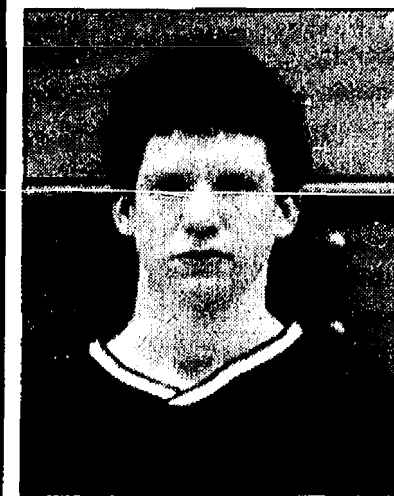
build the big, second-half cushion.

Miller finished with 12 points and Kemp had 11, with eight rebounds.

Charina Stewart had 17 points and Joni Ames had 15 for Alpena, 2-13 and 0-4.

### Wendy's

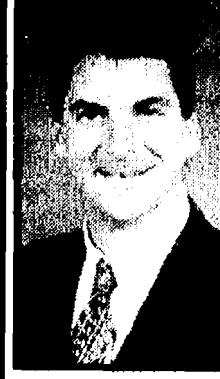
#### Viking of the Week



Wrestling  
Coach: Don Ferguson  
**JOEL WILSON**

Joel defeated a Carson City wrestler who finished 5th in the state last year and was undefeated this year, putting him in the finals at Saturday's tournament at Ithaca. He placed 2nd in his division.

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## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Swamp	N/A
Sawmill II	121
American Legion	112
Spikes	109
Frederic Inn	104
Plaza	104
Spike's	99

Sawmill I	85
5 Ball Runs: Patsey (Sawmill II), Siss (Frederic Inn), Annette (Swamp).	
6 Ball Runs: Jo (Spike's), Tonya (Plaza).	
7 Ball Runs: Tammy Sue (Sawmill I).	

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Herbert E. Stephan and Susan M. Stephan, husband and wife, of 3009 Rasmus, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated September 5, 1984 and recorded September 5, 1984 in Liber 228 in Crawford County Records on Pages 108-111, such Mortgage being given to secure two Promissory Notes payable to the Government; and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Four and 87/100 (\$66,504.87) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided,

the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County on the 12th day of February, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 11.875% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 12 and 13, Oak Acres Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT to building and use restrictions as contained in instrument recorded at Liber 49, Page 453, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: January 15, 2003  
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)  
Running, Wise & Ford P.L.C.  
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686  
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# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 9th day of December 2002 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:31 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Banda.

Members Absent: Moshier.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Caleb Casey, Steve Langseth, Nancy Hunt.

Public Hearing, None

Approval of Consent Agenda.

a. A. NEMCOG minutes of October 24, 2002 meeting.

b. MML Legislative Conference Registration information.

c. City Police Department training schedule.

d. Miller Canfield - Certificate of no referendum.

e. MML Fax Alert.

f. FY2003 Revenue Sharing Chart.

g. Grayling Police Department Monthly Report - November 2002.

h. Fire Department Monthly Report - November 2002.

i. MDOT - Notice of Pre-Construction Meeting.

02-204

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes.

02-025

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2002 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

02-026

Moved by Banda, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2002, be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Old Business.

a. Integrity Construction sent in a construction report to give an update on the progress of the new City Hall.

b. Council is recommended that the Building Committee make recommendations for Interior Design and office furniture. Hayes commented that he would like for Michele to give her input with the Building Committee.

\*Moshier now present (7:40 P.M.)

c. Steve Langseth touched on what he has been doing for the city and a concept for advertising the industrial park "On the way from anywhere" trying to reinforce our central location.

d. Bonds will be sold the day of the first meeting in January so that the Council can approve the sale at that meeting.

02-207

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2003A General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Allen Lowe, Dave Wyman, Dennis Palmer, Doug Duby and Steve Doyle will meet to decide what kind of Engineer would meet the City's needs and then make a recommendation.

f. City Manager presented a sample application for requests for income tax money for capital improvements to be completed by anyone requesting money for projects, similar to a grant application.

New Business

a. Allen has been talking with someone at the MSU Extension about a Recreation Plan, there are grants available.

b. Wyman and Moshier along with the City Manager and City Treasurer will meet with the Auditors. We have improved since last year but there were 2 areas of major concern; water and sewer fees and the unfounded unfunded liability.

c. Water/Sewer Fees will increase in January of 2003.

02-208

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to increase water and sewer rates as follows: Water: \$1.30/1000 gallons, Sewer: \$3.15/1000 gallons, Sewer Only: \$70.00, Administration Fee \$7.00, Reconnection Fee: \$20.00, Water Tap: \$1,000 and Sewer Tap \$800.00. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Unfunded Liability

02-209

Motion by Banda, seconded by Hayes to apply \$150,000 towards the unfunded liability. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Appointments

02-210

Motion by Banda, seconded by Moshier to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Lamie to the Planning Commission to fill the seat vacated by Dennis Palmer. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

02-211

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to appoint Tom Wellman to another term on the Parks Committee. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

02-212

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Moshier to approve the appointment of Kim McClain to another term on the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Nancy Hunt would like to see more bathrooms in the City Park (so they don't have to use Spike's) and she would like to be able to obtain a sprinkling meter for watering in the Spring. She also inquired as to where the City Council will be meeting and about the alley way next to Spike's.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

ZBA:

\*There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2002.

Planning Commission:

\*Approved plans for a Dental Clinic at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Penninsular.

\*Tom Kirk wants to put up a Pole Barn, he needs to go to ZBA.

\*Planning Commission believes that there is a mistake on the Zoning Map that was printed.

\*Approved the site plans for Jamison's office building on the Business Loop.

\*Appointed Mary Ann Ferrigan as the new Chairperson.

Parks Committee:

\*Working hard on the ice rink.

\*Having problems with the lights on the figures in the City Park, working on having the problem fixed.

Reports from Manager and Council Members.

\*We will have the deed from State of Michigan for the land for City Hall on December 19, 2002.

\*Revenue Sharing.

\*Increase of pay for the Prison Crew.

\*There is a Manager's meeting in East Tawas on December 17, 2002 if the Council would like for him to bring back information on their Community Center.

Council Members Reports:

\*Palmer inquired about the parking lot for sale at Shoppenagons. He talked with Chief Schreiner about his plans for training for the Police Department.

\*Moshier inquired about a new facility range for Police training at Camp Grayling.

\*Hayes stated that he thinks we are about 30 years behind the times.

\*Banda commented that the television show "The 70's Show" has made reference to Grayling.

Adjournment

02-213

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33

minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeastly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and E of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200018865

Team J

-23-30-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200234122

Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.

As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 224-0507

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Centex Home Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 195-0212

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 04 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northerly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003

For information, please call:

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File # 200310462

Team W

-16-23-30-06

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH

Anthony J. Ballingash and Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs

v William H. Parker and Tonya L. Parker, Defendants

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

P.O. Box 665

Grayling, Michigan 49738

989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

## USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

On January 14, 2003 Mio District Ranger Michael J. Weber signed a decision to implement the Rock Cemetery Project. This project is located in Township 25 North, Range 1 West, Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11 in Crawford County, Michigan. This decision includes the following actions: 1) harvest and regenerate approximately 303 acres of jack pine by clearcutting and reforesting to jack pine, 2) mechanically treat approximately 67 acres of sparse jack pine to prepare for jack pine replanting, 3) thin approximately 111 acres of red pine, 4) construct approximately 2.0 miles of temporary road to access these areas and remove forest products, 5) obliterate approximately 2.3 miles of existing roads, 6) create dead and down woody debris to increase the diversity of wildlife habitats in the red pine areas.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7 by those who provided comments on this specific project prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. A written Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 45 days of the date that notice of this decision is published in the Crawford County Avalanche. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the next Federal working day. The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:

USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region

ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO)

310 West Wisconsin Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Mio Ranger District, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 823-3252, TTY (989) 826-3592.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition.

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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 24, 1980

Karyn Reynolds of Grayling was moved up to the Elite Program of the United States Ski Association Central Division following Region III competition. This program is the "feeder" system for ski teams leading up to Olympic and World Cup competition.

The Grayling Vikes tacked two more wins onto their unbeaten streak (now 10), toppling Kalkaska with a 70-43 win.

Viking matmen journeyed to Clare to compete in the 8-team Clare Invitational and came home with a 4th place team finish. Burt Partello copped his 5th tournament championship of the season, and Tim Jones also brought home a first place medal. Second place finishes went to Dave Pettit, Tim Ferrigan and Steve Allen.

Requests for an estimated \$35,000 in additional county dollars in 1980 met members of the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting of the year.

The county ended up \$118,000 in the red last year.

Gustaw Konopnicki of Grayling was selected to serve

as volunteer staff race official at the 1980 Winter Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid.

Over 100 guests attended the open house at Lovells Township Hall. Many enjoyed touring the Fire Hall and the remodeled Township Hall.

Amy Hough was the winner of the fourth grade first semester Spelldown. Amy received a trophy and the rest of the 15 participants were presented with spelling award certificates.

Seventh and eighth grade "A" basketball teams both recorded victories over Harrison. Barsie Cross hit for 16 points with Mick Lovely adding nine.

The Federal volunteer agency, ACTION, has awarded a \$19,833 grant to the Crawford County Commission on Aging. This will be matched with \$12,573 in local non-federal funds and will go toward funding a Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

William C. Bye of Frederic has been named Outstanding Airman of the quarter at Whiteman Air Force Base.

### 46 Years Ago January 24, 1957

Elaine Goss, Grayling High School senior is the new 1957

Grayling Winter Sports Queen. Serving on the queen's court will be Barbara Cornell, Bethany Koerber, Mickin Mikesell and Kay Ann Parkinson.

Another county landmark is gone. The house on the "old Funck farm" burned to the ground Wednesday.

The house was built about 60 years ago by Henry Funck. The Funcks came here from New York City in the spring of 1874, to settle on a government claim of 160 acres awarded to a Civil War veteran.

The Funcks had run a boarding house in New York City and knew very little about farming. There were no roads. A road had to be cut and guide found to locate the property. Mr. Funck walked to Roscommon to work and home at night. He cut wood at 45 cents a cord and carried what groceries he could buy.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Grayling High School is Barbara Cornell. She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking.

Conservation Department officials are working out the details of a proposed "parks use sticker" program which would help to finance Michigan's state parks. They agreed to ask the Legislature

for authority to establish a \$2 per automobile annual fee for state park visitors.

### 69 Years Ago January 25, 1934

The Ninth Annual Winter Sports Carnival is now a matter of history, and a new red-letter occasion is indelibly written into the records of this annual Grayling event. The weather was ideal and there was a general let-loose for a good time. Over 10,000 visitors gathered for the event.

Just a lone point marked Grayling Lumberjacks for the winners in a game played at Gaylord Tuesday when they defeated the Gaylord Independents. The score was 26-25.

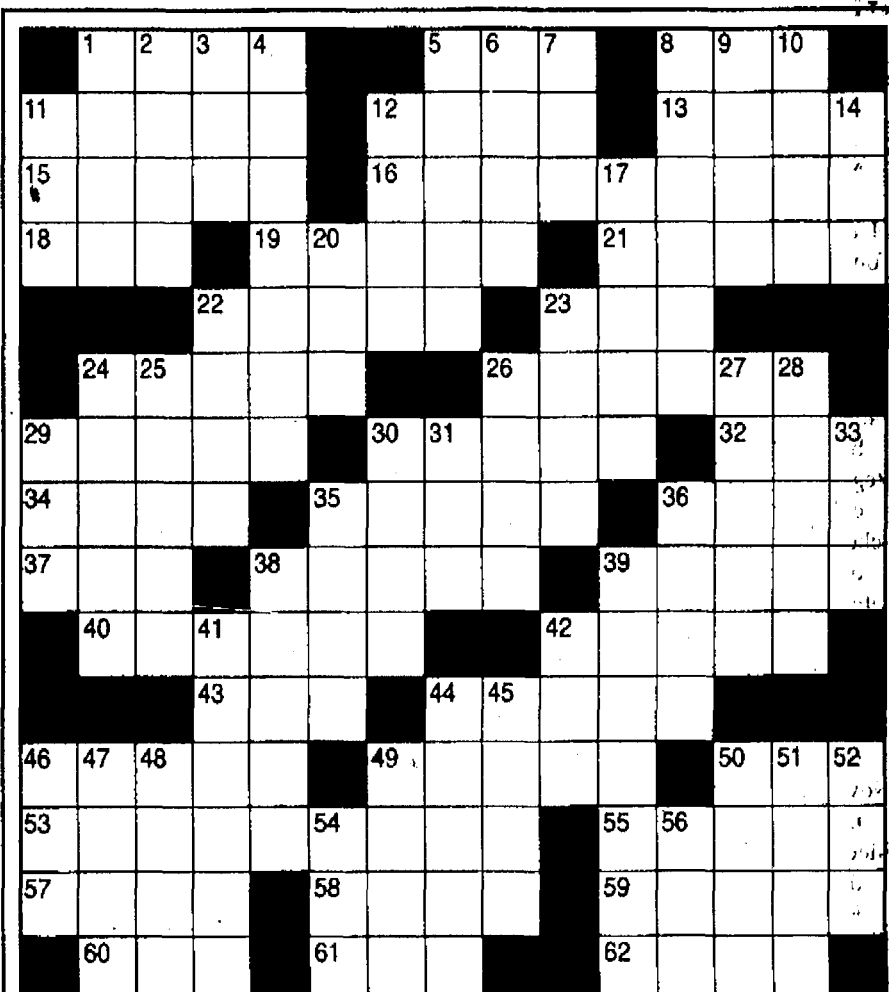
On January 12, the neighbors of Maple Forest had a wood-bee at Hemming Petersens'. The men brought and buzzed the wood, and the ladies helped furnish the dinner.

### 92 Years Ago January 23, 1911

Thermometers registered 38 degrees Thursday, and the snow perceptibly settled.

The M.C.R.R. moved 313 cars of logs south from Wolverine on Sunday, and the blockade is a long ways from being cleared away, and our trainmaster, V.W. Lankey is the busiest man in town.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Unimaginative
- Manipulate fraudulently
- Ship's initials
- Lover's lane
- Pronoun preceding "shall"
- colada (cocktail)
- Put by
- Like cubic zirconia
- Jungfrau or Weisshorn
- Enlarges a hole
- Unprofessional
- Sculptor George
- how!
- Joint venture
- Beginning
- Composition from King David
- Cassoulet ingredients
- Type of doll
- Wild animals, collectively
- Brag
- FDR's pooch
- Ripen
- Rainbow fish
- Famed fabulist
- Job's predecessor, in the OT
- Hexagonal wrench

- Old World: abbr.
- Like the milk of an old adage
- Apian horde
- Carnivals
- Feather scarf
- Registers for saving's accounts
- Freight carrier
- Stake
- "Spanish" (Herb)
- Alpert hit
- Man artistry
- Benzene source
- Want
- Reagan and Moody

### DOWN

- Make a phone call
- Confirm, in a way
- Drink for Andy Capp
- Efficiency apartment's lack
- Poesy
- Electrified particles
- Kind of feeling
- Turns over, in a way
- Locale
- Hair-raising sound?
- Skinny rail (2 wds.)
- Dictator
- Deed
- Tells without telling

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



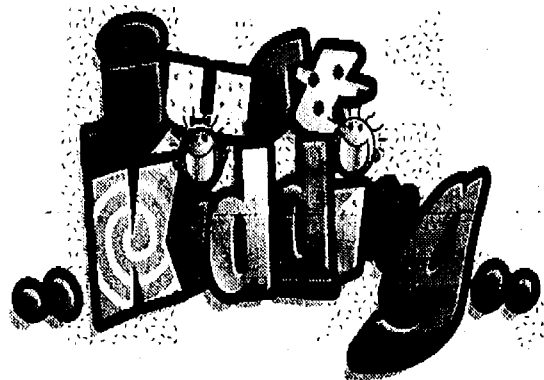
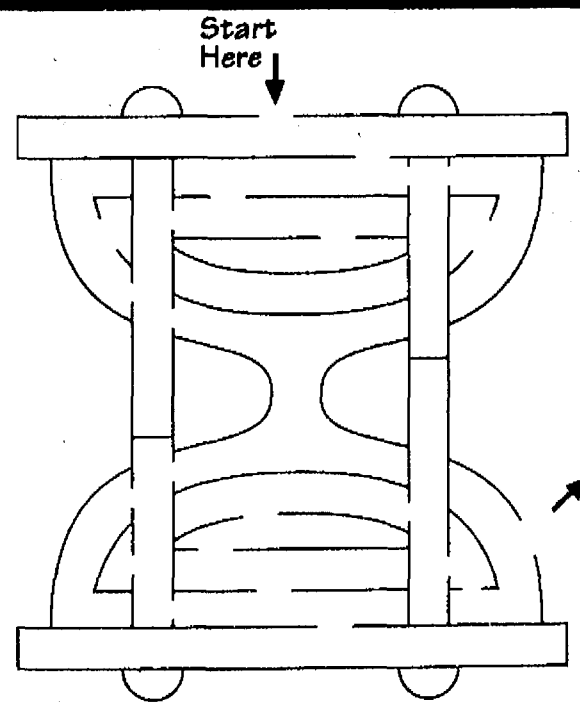
### Fruity Philadelphia® Freeze

- 12 Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, crushed
- 2 tubs (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Strawberry Cream Cheese Spread
- 1 can (12 oz.) frozen raspberry juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 tub (16 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed

PRESS crushed cookies onto bottom of

9-in. square pan lined with foil. PLACE cream cheese and juice concentrate in blender or food processor container; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into large bowl. Add whipped topping; stir with wire whisk until blended. POUR over crust. Freeze until firm, about 4 hr. Remove 15 min. before serving. Serve with fresh fruit, if desired.

## MAZE



### DID YOU KNOW

The word barometer is derived from the Greek word baros, or weight. Thus a barometer is a device for measuring the weight of atmosphere.

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BOWL CANDLE CUP FORK GLASS KNIFE NAPKIN PLACE MAT PLATE SAUCER SPOON TABLECLOTH

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## Adopt a Pet



Mika is a spayed female black lab. She is approximately 10 months old and still a puppy at heart. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opy, Cat-Opy, Wild Animal-Opy and Ocean-Opy are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opy game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche Office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 23, 2003



December 22 - January 19

An offer will soon be on the table. Question anything you do not understand and look at it from every angle before accepting it.



March 21 - April 19

Someone close to you may have a dependency problem. Make every effort to intervene and offer guidance and support as needed.



June 22 - July 22

With the completion of a home improvement project, you have more time on your hands. Put your time, and talent, to good use with a new hobby.



September 23 - October 22

A dispute between loved ones may get out of hand. Be prepared to step in and mediate. A small matter at work will soon be resolved.



April 20 - May 18

Your patience will be tested this week. Regroup by taking a break from the action. Don't be afraid to ask others for help.



May 21 - June 21

Rejuvenation is on the agenda this week. Unwind with an activity you enjoy or revive your spirits with a good book.



July 23 - August 22

Now is not the time to make a hasty decision at home. Get the facts first and do some research. Pay more attention to your diet.



October 23 - November 21

Romance is in the air. Plan something special for your loved one. You may suffer a financial setback, but it's only temporary.



November 19 - December 18

You have been distracted this week, and your friends have noticed. Make up for your behavior with a small get-together.



January 19 - February 18

No matter what you do, you can't seem to make any headway at work. Don't fret. A few days off will make all the difference.



February 19 - March 18

An older friend is having a difficult time adjusting to a new environment. Have a homecoming party with some familiar faces.



March 19 - April 18

Your supervisor is something to discuss with your friends. Listen carefully and consider all of the options before making a decision.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/15	18	8	2.5
1/16	15	10	2.5
1/17	22	-1	.5
1/18	14	0	
1/19	20	10	3
1/20	15	6	4
1/21	15	3	2

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 8	High 13	High 17	High 20	High 27	High 28
Low -3	Low 0	Low 1	Low 6	Low 5	Low 12
Snow/Wind	Snow/Wind	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy



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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**1993 MOBILE HOME 16'x80'**  
Must see, many extras. Three acres wooded. New well, septic, barn. State land 525' away. 3357 N. Down River. \$61,900 cash. (248) 627-7622 (-23-30-6-13/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath.** Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-9-16-23-30/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**LOOKING FOR ACREAGE** Family interested in purchasing acreage with or without cabin/trailer. Close to snowmobile/ORV trails and state land for hunting. (248) 673-5788 (-23-30/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99tf/1)

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)



**New Home near Lake Margrethe**  
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Dining room Front & Rear Decks, 1,536 Sq.Feet, Lot 100 x 200 \$98,500 989-348-7038

### 1. Real Estate

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**1997 THREE BEDROOM**, two bath mobile home. \$14,800 Delivery available. (231) 947-6381 (-23/1)

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**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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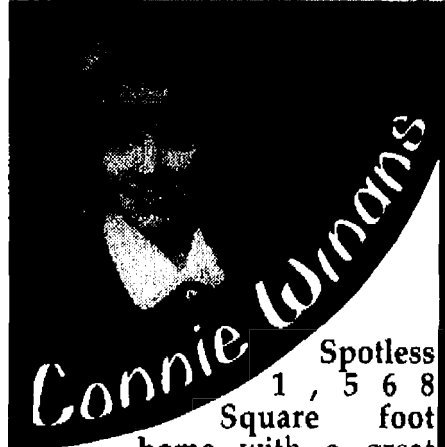


**Jeanne Lee**

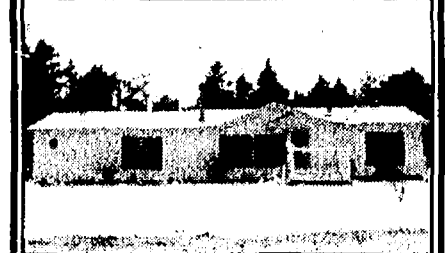
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**Spotless 1,568 Square foot home** with a great floor plan has three bedrooms plus a den, and many extras to include a master bedroom suite, fireplace, pool, underground sprinklers, skylight, breakfast nook and more. \$95,000 #5060 Ask for Connie!



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**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$58,000



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES** with additional 2 lots available for \$6,050 each. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



**THIS 2 BEDROOM**, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Kitchen offers lots of cabinets. Large utility room with storage. 2 car detached garage with carport and apron. 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$54,900



**Above the Crowd!**



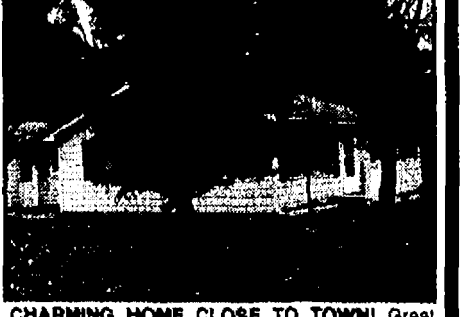
**NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME, 1 YEAR BUILDER'S WARRANTY!** Gorgeous new home in newly developed subdivision. 2,280 s.f., 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, open staircase to loft, 17' ceiling in large living room, ceramic tile in bath, utility, and entry, maple cabinets, oak & maple flooring in dining and kitchen, knock-down drywall, Andersen Windows. 24x30 finished garage, colored brick look drive, and colored patio. Possible custom colors at buyer's choice. CH-1659 \$199,000



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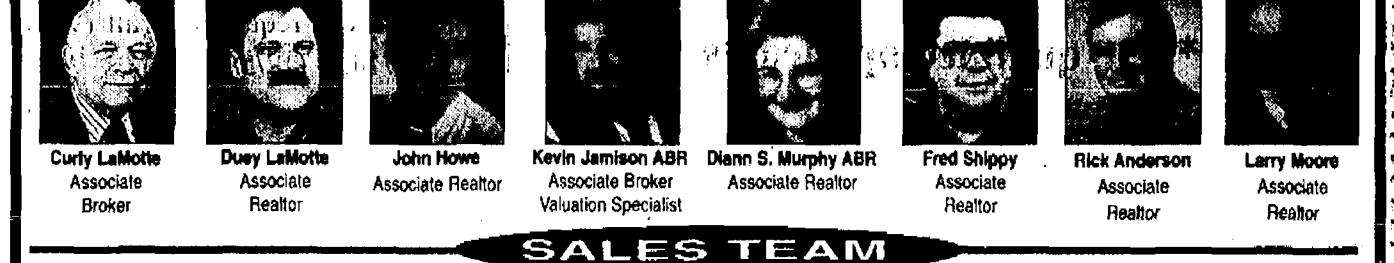
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**Cozy and Rustic!** This 1 BR cabin on 3.3 acres is totally furnished ready to move into. Bath with a path, electric & running water in cabin, very quiet, backs up to state land to the North & the Ausable River is only 7/10ths of a mile at end of Whirlpool. Screened in back porch. Special tax assignment for paving Whirlpool \$450 / +0 a yr. for 5 yrs. \$35,000 #223796

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### 3. Employment

**REGISTERED NURSES** Extended Care Facility - Eden Alternative Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered Nurses for a full time and part-time positions in our extended care facility. Mercy Manor, an Eden Alternative facility is known for the quality of care that it provides to the residents as well as respect for the staff. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent fringe benefit package including medical, dental, vision, life, long term disability, pension, 403B and flexible spending accounts and more. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone number (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 e-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-16-23/3)

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**REGISTERED NURSE** The Michigan Department of Corrections is looking for individuals to fill Registered Nurse positions in the Saginaw and Standish areas. The pay range for a Registered Nurse is \$38,000 to \$48,000 annually, plus shift differential and 13 paid holidays. The State of Michigan offers a wide range of benefits: health, vision, dental and 401K. Candidates must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen, TB test and criminal history check. Candidates must possess a Michigan license. If a Reasonable Accommodation is needed in Order to participate in the interview process, please contact the Saginaw Correctional Facility Personnel at (989) 695-9880. Submit resumes to: Ron Van Sumeren, 4657 West Industrial Dr., Kincheloe, MI 49788. A Drug Free and Equal Opportunity Employer. (-23/3)

### 3. Employment

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### 6. Wanted

**FOLKS INTERESTED** in Model Railroading. First meeting, Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m. Location: Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West. Any questions (989) 348-1185 (-23-30/6)

### 7. Miscellaneous

**4 X 8 Lighted Signs** and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

### 8. Announcements

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### 8. Announcements

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Wednesday Burger and Beer Special. \$4.50 (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Thursday is our Rib Night special. Take out available. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Karaoke every Thursday starting at 8 p.m. Drink specials, don't miss it. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Live dinner music with Matt Winans Friday night from 6-9. Open mic starting at 9. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

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825 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735

e-mail: [hr@gaylordhospital.org](mailto:hr@gaylordhospital.org)  
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### 9 Personal

**PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin** (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x (-23/9)

**PRAYER To the Holy Spirit**, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-23/9)

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Gale Enterprises.....	15 - 01	High Game: T. Sowinski, 268; D. Canfield, 265; J. Helsel, 244.		Hart Pontiac-GMC.....	12 - 04
Woody Girls'.....	13 - 03	<b>Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles</b>		North MI Financial.....	12 - 04
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High Game Men: C. Hanson, 213; D. Wallace, 212; P. Lewis, 204  
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Avalanche . . . . . 11 - 05  
Rochettes . . . . . 09 - 07  
Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . 8.5 - 7.5  
The Ice House . . . . . 7.5 - 8.5  
Chemical Bank . . . . . 07 - 09  
Custom Interior . . . . . 06 - 10  
McDonalds of Grayling . 02 - 14  
High Series: K. Moshier, 545; T. Parker, 539; C. Clark, 528; J. Coors, 520.  
High Game: D. Hollis, 203; J. Coors, 202; T. Parker, 199; K. Moshier, 188.

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McLean's 65: Trudgeon 4, Burrell 3, Annis 10, Potter 10, Krey 25, Pummell, 13.  
Weyerhaeuser 47: Ruddy 5, Grant 14, Simon 9, Trenary 14, Hull 2, Zrebski 3.  
Spike's 58: Patterson 16, Thompson 11, Tom Gardiner 2, Myers 16, Jim Gardiner 4, Smitz 9.  
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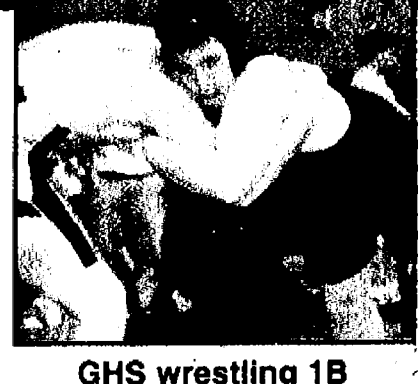
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## School board hears more from Frederic

► Township passes resolution stating closure will be 'devastating'

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The January meeting of the Crawford AuSable School Board was held in the Grayling Elementary gym to accommodate the approximately 90 people who came to show their opposition to the proposed closing of Frederic Elementary.

Superintendent Milli Haug said it is with a heavy heart but a clear mind that she formally recommends the closure of Frederic Elementary. She cited declining enrollment as well as the need to cut next year's budget by at least \$1.3 million.

After the recommendation, members of the audience were given 30 minutes to address the board.

Lewis Madill, of Frederic, presented the board with a list of 34 questions generated from a meeting of concerned citizens of the Frederic area. The questions ranged from specific budgetary questions to how to send children to a neighboring district.

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## Woman's journey is proof: welfare reform works

► Heather Van Pelt named state's FIA 'Achiever of the Month'

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Before an audience of more than 30 people, a local woman accepted with much gratitude the Family Independence Agency's (FIA) statewide Achiever of the Month Award.

Established in 1993, the award recognizes people who have made "outstanding progress toward self-sufficiency under Michigan's comprehensive welfare reform initiative, To Strengthen Michigan Families."

Heather Van Pelt, who received assistance from the agency off and on since 1995, has become her own woman, thanks to the help and support she received from staffers in the Crawford County office. She is the 110th recipient of the award.

"The support I received from everyone here helped me go on to a better future," Van Pelt said. "I didn't want to create a legacy of welfare for my daughter; I was determined to make a better life for Kristin."

In 1995, Van Pelt signed up for help at the Lapeer County office and received Medicaid and some financial assistance.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Heather Van Pelt (center) said she couldn't have gotten off of public assistance without the support of many people, including her boss Arlene Musakka (left), best friend Pam Studer (right) and her six-year old daughter, Kristin (front).

By 1999, with no home, no car, no job and no high school diploma, she found herself struggling to make it day to day. She took her mother and stepfather up on their offer of shelter

and moved into their home in Grayling. She also moved her public assistance case to the local FIA office.

Crawford County FIA Director Cynthia Pushman said

at the January 17 ceremony, Van Pelt showed the desire to change her life, to become independent.

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## Testimony sheds light on death of local man

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 19-year old Grayling woman waived her right to a preliminary examination and pled guilty recently to delivery of a controlled substance. Her sworn testimony revealed the drug she "delivered" may have played a key role in the death of one of her friends.

Stephanie Sue Mitchell entered the guilty plea to the drug charge in 46th Circuit Trial Court before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy on January 9. She also pled guilty to felony breaking and entering with the intent to commit robbery after reaching an agreement with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss to dismiss a number of charges pending in 83rd District Court.

Charges included breaking and entering, felonious assault, stealing a vehicle, aiding and abetting, and drunk driving.

Huss said Mitchell racked up the charges during a crime spree last fall when she and a few of her friends broke into the home of a friend and another home on Richardson Road in Grayling Township, stealing three televisions and some lights. One of the televisions was later sold to a

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## City sets date for DDA public hearing

► Downtown Development Authority meeting set for February 26

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

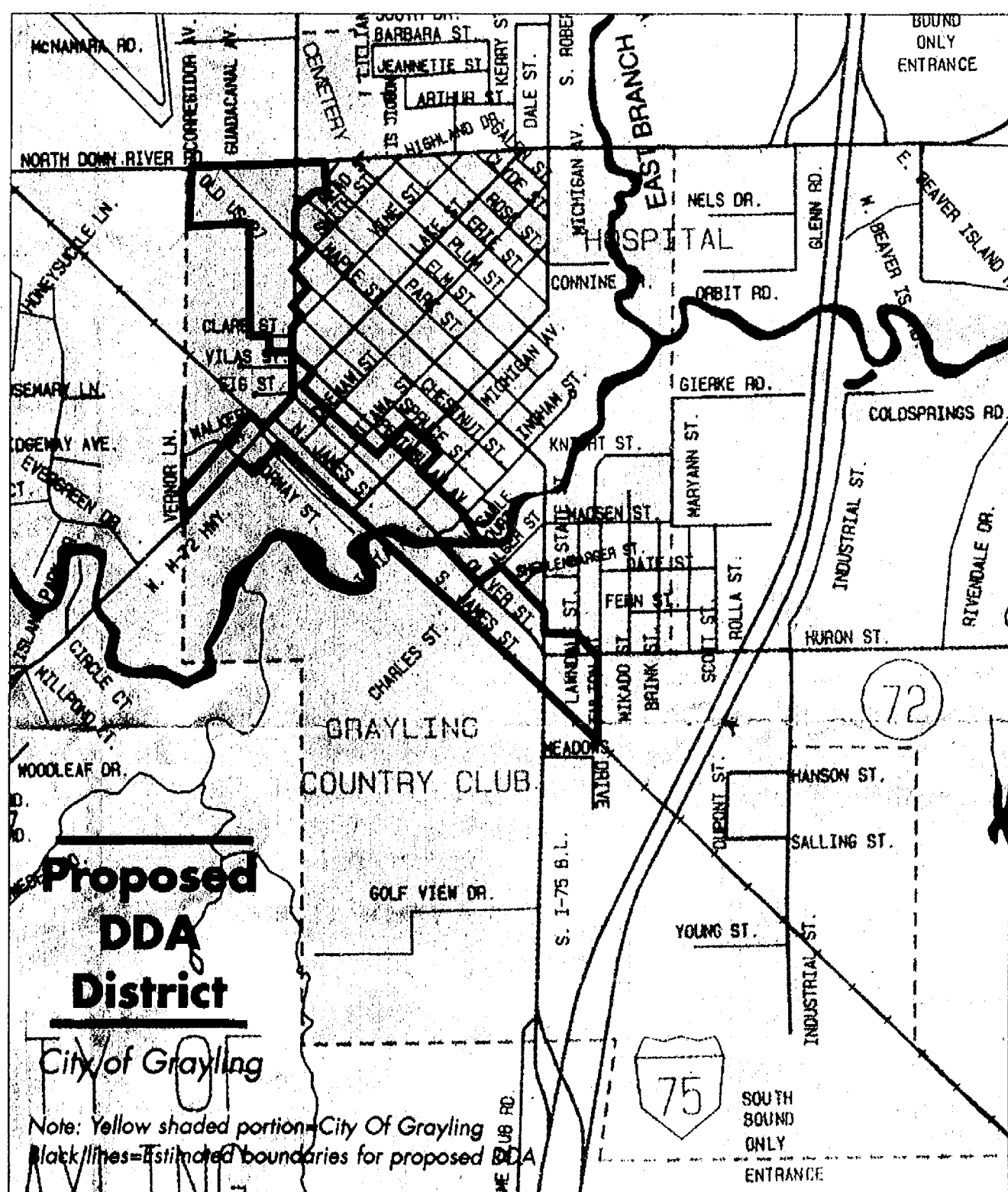
The Grayling City Council took another step toward establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in Grayling by issuing a resolution of intent and setting a date for the required public hearing last Monday.

About a year ago, the council created a five-person committee to look into the DDA issue. The committee has met several times, and last week the group brought a proposed district to the council and recommended the city move forward by having a public hearing.

A DDA can be set up by a city, village, or township. Its main source of revenue is Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - the DDA captures increases in property tax revenue within the district. The school district's taxes

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The tentative district for the proposed Downtown Development Authority under consideration at the City of Grayling is enclosed in black on the above map of the city. A public hearing - which has been set for February 26 - must be held before the council can vote to establish a DDA.

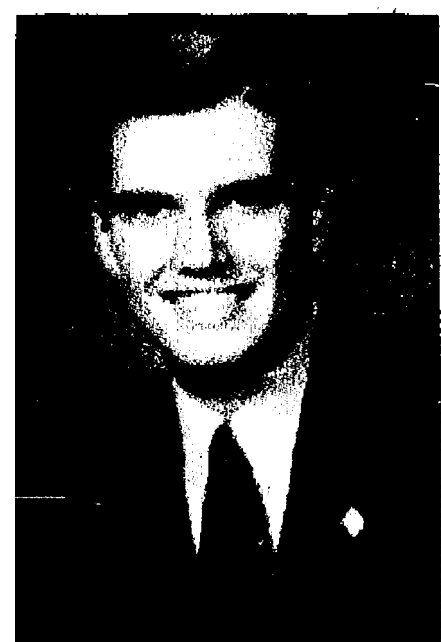
## Grayling grad begins political climb

At this weekend's statewide Republican Convention in Grand Rapids, Grayling native and 2000 Grayling High School graduate, Sam Moore, will be seeking the position of Third Vice Chair. As Third Vice Chair, Moore would be responsible for coordinating all Republican youth activities across the state.

Moore, age 21, decided to run for the seat after serving as Vice President and Treasurer of the Grand Valley State University College Republicans, where he attends school. "Having held various leadership positions in a number of student and political organizations, I have realized the importance of increased youth involvement," said Moore.

Also playing a role in his decision to lead Michigan's youth was Moore's recent involvement in the successful campaign of State Senator Tony Stamas. "Sam played a vital role in coordinating a number of volunteer efforts in northern Michigan -- his enthusiasm and leadership skills will go a long way in improving and motivating the next generation of our Republican leaders," said Stamas.

Stamas, along with Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland), Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds Anne Norlander (R-Battle Creek), and Heather Posthumus



Sam Moore

will be among those in support of Moore at the convention.

On Friday, January 24, Moore, with Congressman Camp and Posthumus providing the introductions, will address each of Michigan's 15 congressional district caucuses. On Saturday, Moore will stand before over 2,000 state delegates to convey his message for a new, improved youth program.

Senator Stamas will give the nominating speech with a second to the nomination by Norlander. "When Sam approached me to second his nomination for Third Vice Chair, I immediately accepted," said Norlander. "His positive energy, exuberance, and exceptional leadership skills

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January 20, 2003 - Grayling Elementary for Alternative Ed

NOTE: Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

## Winter 2003 Schedules

ADULT LEARNING CENTER				ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION			
ABE/GED	M - T	8 - 11:30 am	Barrow	LAB - GHS	MTWR 3:30 - 7:30 pm	Dickinson	
	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow			Barrow	
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ABE/GED	W - R	6 - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski				
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	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow				
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## Enrichment Classes Winter 2003

### Advanced Cake Decorating

This eight (8) week course is a continuation of last semester's class. It is for adults who have some experience, but would like to learn advanced techniques. The instructor has over 40 years experience in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows.

Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 12, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107  
 Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks/session  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Instructor: John Homrich

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks/session  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Instructor: John Homrich

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### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab  
 Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)  
 Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003  
 Length of Class: 2 weeks  
 Day of Class: Monday  
 Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab  
 Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)  
 Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003  
 Length of Class: 6 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab  
 Cost: \$50.00  
 Instructor: John Lasby

Did you just receive a digital camera as a gift? This course will help you understand the concepts of digital cameras. You will learn how to edit, scan, manipulate and print photos.

## Drunk driver hits county plow truck

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

A Crawford County Road Commission snow plow truck, traveling northbound on US-127 in heavy snow last Saturday evening, was struck and damaged by a pick-up truck driven by a Pinconning man.

Crawford County Sheriff's Sgt. Randell Baerlocher said the driver of the plow truck, 41-year old Jake Helsel of Beaver Creek Township, was not injured and was at no fault in the accident which occurred at about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

Baerlocher said Helsel was blading and salting the freeway when 27-year old Gerald Van Wormer, driving a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado, passed a vehicle traveling in the right lane. As Van Wormer attempted to move back into the right lane, he struck the rear of the plow truck, totaling the pick-up and causing thousands of dollars in damage to the plow truck.

Van Wormer was carrying four passengers, three of which required medical attention. Beaver Creek Township Fire and Rescue used the Jaws of Life to extricate the passengers. Mobile Medical Response (MMR) ambulances took the injured to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for treatment.

Sgt. Baerlocher said front seat passenger Kenneth Nelson, age 28 of Sterling, received multiple injuries including a severe lower

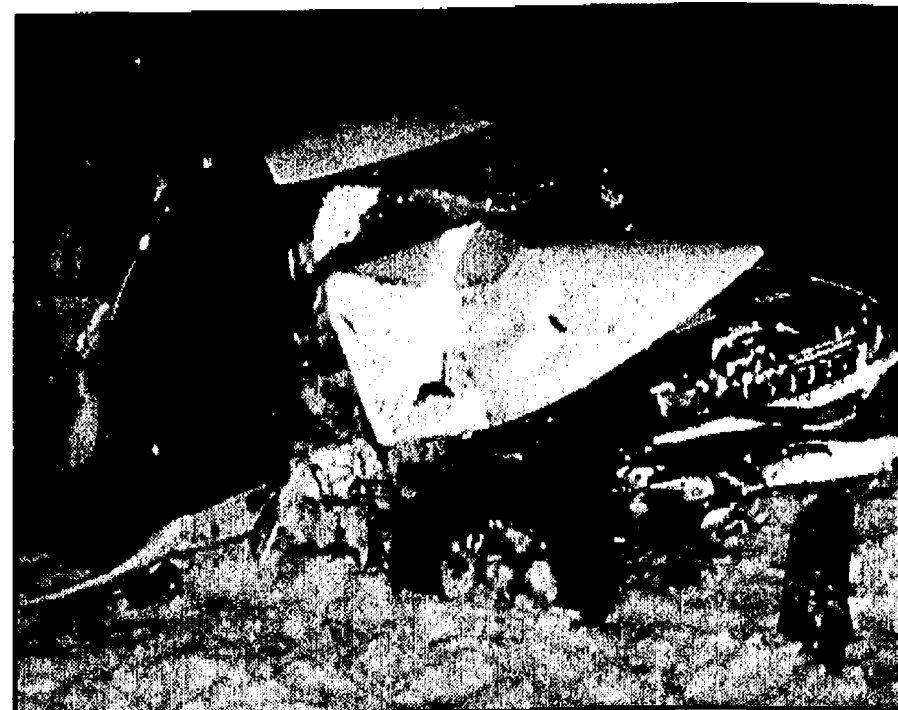


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

This pick-up truck is a total loss after its driver ran into the back end of a Crawford County Road Commission snow plow truck last Saturday evening. The downstate driver was ticketed for drunk driving. Three of his passengers were injured and were found with open alcohol in the vehicle.

leg injury, requiring ground transport to Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital when the medical evacuation helicopter was unable to fly due to extreme winter weather conditions. Details of the extent of injuries suffered by the other passengers were not available.

Van Wormer was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and his passengers were cited for having open intoxicants in the truck. Van Wormer was lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

Baerlocher said fortunately everyone in the pick-up wore safety belts, which prevented more serious injuries, or even death.

Road Commission employee Jeff McClain said extensive damage was done to the salter assembly. Salter assemblies are custom made for each truck by the Road Commission. Also damaged was the left rear wheel and tire, along with the conveyor belt-driven hopper box. McClain said the truck should be back in service this week.

## C.A.R.E.-Giver auction adds excitement to UW event

### ► United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction this Saturday night

by Cheryl Ruley  
 Staff Writer

Sure, the bucket raffles, door prizes, silent auctions and live auction offer fun and excitement at the Crawford County United Way C.A.R.E. Night Auction. But the most fun can come from learning who is the top bidder of some very unique "items."

Each year some very special events and services are donated to the auction by local individuals. This year is no different.

Perhaps a pontoon cruise on the sparkling waters of Lake Margrethe, with hosts Mike and Diane Branch and Don and Rae

Ann Schanz, is just what you're looking for. This special cruise includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner for four.

Dennis and Marilyn Palmer are once again donating a "mystery tour for two," with a plane ride to a secret destination in Michigan where they will treat the winning bidder and a guest to lunch.

Rick and Barbara Febey have donated a sailboat cruise for two on lovely Lake Charlevoix or Lake Michigan, complete with lunch.

Ever dreamed of cruising Lake Charlevoix in a 46-foot ocean yacht? Well, Sledheads of Frederic, Terry's Sports Center and Fun-n-Sun of Grayling have donated a day-long outing on such a dream ship, filled with fun and food for four, including dinner.

United Way Board Vice President, Nancy Hunt has again donated her horticulture expertise and will plant for the winning bidder a garden full of spring flowering bulbs. Would you like to enjoy the heavenly scent of hyacinth and the beautiful colors of tulips, daffodils and crocuses without all the "knee-work?" If so, this is the item to bid on. Hunt said she is willing to plant the garden anywhere in Michigan, so this item may make a perfect gift.

Del Sheldon has donated a plane ride for two. Details will be available at the auction.

Last, but not least, bid for the right to drop the official starting flag at the 56th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. In the past, members of the marathon committee and past paddlers have been granted this honor. This year, it could be you.

The C.A.R.E. Night Auction is set for this Saturday, January 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is just \$5. Bidding will start at 7 p.m. Purchases can be made by cash or check. A cash bar will be available and the Knights of Columbus will be selling a variety of food throughout the evening.

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## Lost snowmobiler found 'cold' and 'tired'

A seven-hour ordeal of solitude and freezing temperatures ended happily for a snowmobiler when she was located by a local realtor and reunited with the group from which she became separated in the very early morning hours of January 14.

Thirty-year-old Brandy Ploe of Ubley became separated from her group while riding the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail near North Manistee River Road in Frederic Township about 1 a.m. After more than four hours of searching for her with no success, Ploe's group reported her missing to Crawford County 911 Central Dispatch around 5:30 a.m.

With the assistance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office began a search of the trail and vicinity using snowmobiles. Because the area she was last seen in is so near the Kalkaska County line, sheriff's personnel from that county also began to devise a search plan covering its eastern trails.

The U.S. Coast Guard Air

Rescue Station in Traverse City was also contacted and a helicopter was deployed to search from the air.

According to Crawford County Sheriff Sgt. Randell Baerlocher, Ploe was located on Manistee River Road near Howes Lake Trail in Frederic Township at approximately 8 a.m. by Laurie Jamison, owner of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Grayling. Jamison drove Ploe to Grayling and the Sheriff's office was notified. Ploe said she was "cold and tired" and, fortunately, suffering from no ill effects from the ordeal.

Ploe told Sheriff's officers her snowmobile became stuck when she attempted to turn the machine around. She said she walked the trails trying to find a main road, beginning around 2 a.m. Ploe was later reunited with her group at the real estate office where she had the opportunity to warm up.

DNR Conservation Officer Mark Lutz was able to locate Ploe's 2002 Polaris Indy snowmobile later that day, stuck in the snow near the intersection of

Howes Lake Road and North Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail.

Speaking to Sheriff's officers, Ploe said she was upset her party had put her in such a position because they did not follow basic snowmobile safety procedures.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield would like to remind snowmobile parties to have a plan and discuss it before they set out on the trails.

"Inexperienced riders should be placed in the middle of the group so the more experienced riders can assist in keeping track of them," he said. "If a rider should become separated from his or her group, the rider should stop and let the group come back for them."

Sgt. Baerlocher said snowmobilers should always consider the snow and trail conditions -- and slow down. "Speed won't make up for the poor snowmobile trail conditions we've experienced this season." Since the January 14 incident, many more inches of snow have fallen, improving trail conditions, thus making them extremely busy.

Another concern snowmobilers must address seriously is the

sub-zero weather conditions which can prove deadly. "Please remember, search parties can take a long period of time to cover ground when searching for a lost snowmobiler in such a large area." Be prepared by dressing for extreme cold for an extended period of time and by carrying water or non-alcoholic beverage to sip on to avoid dehydration. Carrying a nutritious snack with you while riding is a good idea, just in case your body needs some extra fuel to keep warm.

Baerlocher added, in light of recent drownings of snowmobilers who plunged into icy waters while traveling on northern Michigan lakes, "Please remember ice conditions this season are very unpredictable and can be dangerous. Don't lose your life for a 'short cut' across a body of water." Despite the bitter cold temperatures experienced this week, many frozen lake surfaces remain unsafe for travel and many still have areas of open water.

Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Ruley contributed to this article.

## Gillard named vice chair of recreation committee

### ► Gillard also named to Health Policy, Insurance Committees

LANSING — State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) announced January 16 that he was appointed Democratic Vice Chair of the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Gillard was also named to serve on the Health Policy and Insurance committees.

"It is truly an honor to be appointed the ranking Democrat on the House committee charged with the protection of Michigan's outdoors," said Gillard, an avid outdoorsman. "I've been a hunter and fisherman all my life, and I understand just how important outdoor sports are to the economy of Alpena and northern Michigan. We must ensure that when people think of Michigan, they continue to think of the 'great outdoors.'"

The House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee

will deal with the regulation of hunting and fishing and the registration of personal watercraft and snowmobiles in Michigan. Gillard noted that the committee also oversees Michigan's state parks.

The Health Policy Committee will tackle issues related to Medicaid, HMOs, school-based health, children's issues, assisted living, prescription drugs and the registration of health professionals.

"Throughout northern Michigan, there are families with limited financial resources struggling to obtain health care ser-

vices," said Gillard. "We must ensure that these families have increased access to affordable, quality health care."

The Insurance Committee will deal with issues related to insurance companies, such as the potential privatization of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which Gillard opposes.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield must remain a not-for-profit organization that remains Michigan's insurer of last resort," said Gillard. "I look forward to working with committee members from both sides of the aisle in making sure that happens."

## Home invasion suspect pleads guilty

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In exchange for a guilty plea on one charge of second degree felony home invasion, Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss requested a second charge, of the same be dismissed against an Owosso man, who confessed to breaking into two homes last summer.

At his January 9 arraignment in 46th Circuit Trial Court, Eric Alan Atkins told Judge Dennis F. Murphy he moved to Grayling last summer and was staying with family members near the homes he broke into on Stephan Bridge Road in South Branch Township.

Under oath, the 24-year old Atkins described the August 22, 2002 break-ins as something he did "on the spur of the moment." He said he walked to the resi-

dences and used a knife to pry open windows to get into the seasonal homes. No one was at home at the time.

Atkins took over \$2,500 in electronic equipment, camping gear, power tools, home decorations, fly tying equipment, alcohol and other household goods. His written confession revealed he was planning to take the stolen goods downstate and sell them to pawn shops.

Huss said because of his criminal record, Atkins is technically a habitual offender and could have faced stiffer sentencing, but agreed to accept the guilty plea on only one charge of home invasion.

Judge Murphy agreed to dismiss the second charge. Atkins, who will be sentenced early next month, faces 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine.

### Clarification

In an article published January 16, titled, "School counselor faces drunk driving charge," it was stated counselor David Clyde Holzbauer "sings and plays the guitar during sing-alongs at school assemblies that include D.A.R.E. programs." While Mr. Holzbauer performs music at school assemblies, according to Crawford County Sheriff Deputy and Elementary Liaison Officer Bill Bonkowski, he does not perform at sheriff office sponsored D.A.R.E. assemblies and never has.

Bonkowski confirmed Mr. Holzbauer has no connection whatsoever with the local D.A.R.E. program.

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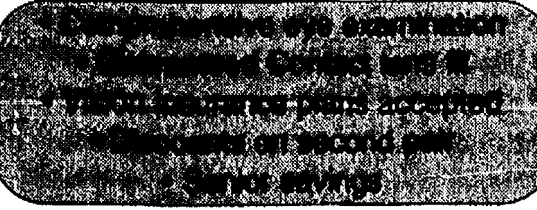
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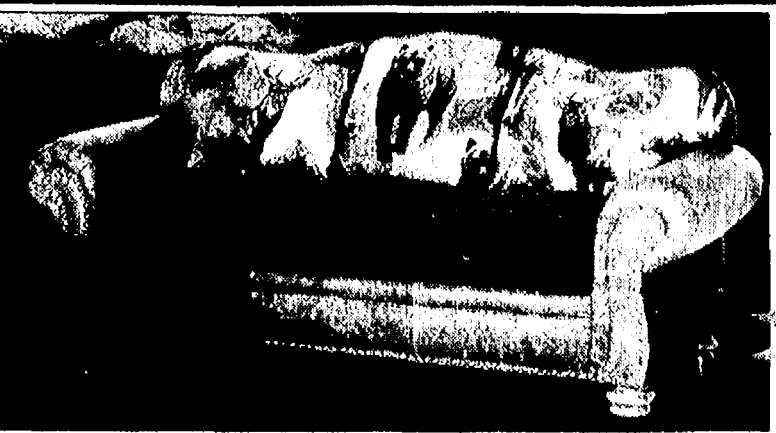
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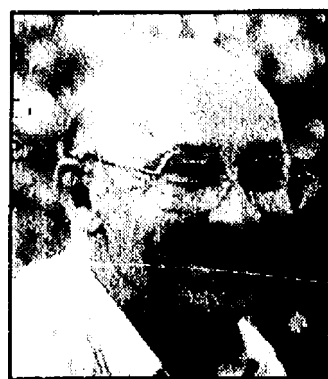
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Battered but persistent, the Swami speaks again

REFUSING TO learn from experience, *The Almanack* this week once more plunges into that murky adventure of predicting things to come during the coming year.

Usually this is one of the first columns of the new year, but I dithered for a couple of weeks whether to continue the tradition for 2003. Last year was not a banner one for Almanack predictions.

I missed quite a few big ones. Against all sorts of advice and unanimous advice from my personal political focus group, I predicted that James Blanchard would win the Democratic primary for governor, then pick Jennifer Granholm for lieutenant governor, and defeat Republican Dick Posthumus in the general election.

Talk about being off base...that was a classic.

I was correct that Senator Carl Levin would win a new term in the U.S. Senate, but that was a pushover prediction.

I predicted Republicans would win a majority of Michigan congressional races plus keep both houses of the legislature, but with the Republican-written reapportionment plan, those also were easy.

The statewide vote on legalizing marijuana never developed, as I wrote it would. The Yankees missed the World Series, the Detroit Lions didn't make the play offs, the MSU basketball team didn't make the Sweet Sixteen, and neither the Spartans nor the U-M Wolverines won the Big Ten football title. I was wrong on all of those.

But Osama bin Laden is still at large, as I expected.

Battered and blistered but unbowed, here we go again for

2003.

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JENNIFER GRANHOLM will have so many troubles in her first year as governor she'll often wonder why she worked so hard to get the job in the first place. However, she won't resign.

Michigan's budget problems are so severe that she's been forced to cut aid to local schools, and she'll need plenty of other spending slashes to make ends meet. Spending cuts alone, however, won't solve the state's money problems.

By summer, Governor Granholm will propose more taxes as well as deeper cuts in spending. Rolling back scheduled Engler-era tax cuts will be only a first step. She will propose several "revenue enhancements" even including new and higher taxes. The Republican legislature eventually but reluctantly will agree.

tantly will agree.

Before the year is out, bi-partisan harmony between Democratic governor and Republican legislature -- if there ever is any -- will evaporate, in actions if not in words.

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THE U.S. SUPREME Court will not accept University of Michigan race-based formulas for student admissions. The court will find direct racial preferences, such as U of M uses, either unconstitutional or unwise or both.

The Democratic horse race for the 2004 presidential nomination will winnow down by year's end to about four viable candidates from an earlier field of eight or 10 announced hopefuls. Senators John Edwards of North Carolina and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut will be leading the handful of survivors at year end.

A presidential boomlet will emerge for Senator Hillary Clinton for president, but she won't get in the race for 2004.

The economy will improve a bit but still stumble along. The Dow Jones stock average will break 9000 sometime during the year, but settle in the 8000s at year end.

K-Mart, expecting a spring or summer turn around, won't.

Osama bin Laden will not be taken into custody, unless he's dead.

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IN THE FUN and games department, the Yankees will win the World Series and the Red Wings will take the Stanley Cup again.

The Detroit Lions will have a barely winning record but make the playoffs.

The Michigan State basketball team will make the NCAA tour-

nament, mostly on its reputation but won't get very far.

The Wolverine football team will challenge for the Big Ten title. It won't win it, but will end up in the top 10 in national ranking. Under new coach John L. Smith, the Spartan footballers will have a winning record, and go to a second-rate bowl game.

New manager Alan Trammell will invigorate the Detroit Tigers, who still will lose more than they win, but won't lose 100 games like the last two years.

The long awaited marriage between Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck won't happen, or if it does, will be undone within a year.

That's it for this time around. Check back next year.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## VIEWPOINT

The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

### VA enrollment cutbacks avoidable

Denying veterans access to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, particularly while young men and women fight the war on terrorism and prepare to do battle in Iraq, is unacceptable to the 2.8 million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi announced that enrollment for VA health care will be suspended effective today (January 17) for so-called higher-income veterans who seek treatment for conditions that are not service-connected, Priority Group 8 veterans. VA estimates 164,000 veterans will be affected.

"This is a raw deal for veterans, no matter how you cut it," American Legion National Commander Ronald F. Conley said. "By denying a certain Priority Group, the administration is sending the message that these veterans are not a priority at all, even if they have health insurance that VA can bill for the cost of their medical treatment; VA health care is not free to all veterans. Additionally, the income threshold that determines whether someone belongs in Priority Group 8 is so low that no one can say, with a straight face, that all these veterans are well-off."

"Here's a better idea: Instead of squeezing the system to meet the budget, why not make the budget fit the rising demand for VA health care? That way, citizen-soldiers -- who endured

family separation and the inherent hazards of preserving our freedom -- are not forgotten. With adequate funding, VA can trim the backlog of about 300,000 veterans who have been waiting months for primary care appointments. Of course, veterans with any form of service connected disability must remain the highest priority.

"I sincerely hope some valuable lessons have been learned. For instance, if Congress ever again approves a supplemental spending bill containing funding for VA, the president would do well not to veto it, as he did last year. The administration also should not ask Congress for less than VA needs, then tell veterans: 'Sorry. We didn't budget for you.' Imagine the message that sends to someone either wearing the uniform today or considering an offer from a military recruiter."

"In the meantime, The American Legion will work with members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, to pass long-term funding solutions. We will continue to fight for Medicare reimbursement legislation that will allow Medicare to pay VA for the cost of health care it provides to Medicare eligible veterans."

Further, we will continue to press for mandatory funding legislation that will have a formula built into it that will ensure VA receives adequate funding to meet its statutory requirement to treat all veterans who enroll for health care there."

## EDITOR

### Court employees should accept same benefits given other county workers

To the editor,

Over the past weeks, there have been letters to the editor from the 46th Circuit Trial Court and its employees, and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners regarding the negotiation of benefits for court employees.

This letter is from the elected officials, department heads, and staff of Crawford County. Specifically, the offices of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, the Treasurer's Office, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Sheriff's Office, the Equalization Department, the Building and Zoning Department, and the MSU Extension Office.

Over the past 30 years, the elected commissioners have tried to provide adequate wages to all elected officials and their staff, and all other departments -- including the various court personnel. Several times during this period, when the commissioners explained that lack of funds might make it necessary to cut personnel, the employees of the Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff's Office, Equalization, Building and Zoning, and the MSU Extension Office have made concessions to protect a fellow employee and to work with the county. However, it has been necessary for the county to eliminate positions and reduce hours even after concessions and wage freezes.

At this time, the remaining employees have agreed to pay part of their own retirement plan in order to receive a retirement plan

higher than the standard B-2 retirement plan offered by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. At this time, the 46th Circuit Trial Court employees are requesting a B-4 retirement plan. They are requesting this not only be fully paid by the counties (Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska), but that it be based retroactively from date of hire. In some cases, this is over 20 years.

Retirement benefits are based on wages and number of years served. An employee making \$50,000 per year after 30 years of service would receive \$30,000 per year under a B-2 plan -- and \$37,500 under a B-4. This must be available from funds put away by the county for that purpose, or the county must pay a higher monthly premium. When this sort of increase is applied to every court employee (including Friend of the Court), the result becomes a staggering figure.

When elected officials, their staff, or department heads retire, there is no paid hospitalization. The employee is free to pay his/her own hospitalization and with the county group -- or change to another supplemental plan. The county pays for nothing.

The 46th Circuit Trial Court is requesting fully paid hospitalization for all their employees -- and their spouses -- upon retirement and for the rest of their life. Currently, health insurance costs range between \$6,500 per couple to \$12,000 per family each year, per employee. With the average annual increase in the cost of

health care benefits, this will increase appreciably over the next 10 years.

Over the past year, the county has been successful in negotiating out (for new hires) post retirement health care from the law enforcement and 911 Central Dispatch employee contracts due to rising costs.

That said, do the above figures sound fair and reasonable for all employees?

All these employees are compensated (either all or in part) by Crawford County. The county must try to give each one a fair and equitable wage and benefits package.

More importantly, you -- the people -- have voted not to increase the county tax levy. The state and federal government are constantly mandating more programs and failing to provide additional funding. Therefore, the county must try to provide the programs and still maintain a fair and equitable wage for all employees and balance a budget -- all with approximately the same funding -- never knowing when the state and federal government will reduce funding or require more functions, change or add to a program.

At this time, the 46th Circuit Trial Court has filed a lawsuit against Crawford County. It will be interesting to observe whether one court will rule against another. Regardless of the outcome, we the undersigned, stand behind our County Commissioners. We are aware that we live in an economically depressed area with limited industrial growth and low tax base. We appreciate the

salary and benefits we have and the efforts made by the commissioners to be fair and do an equitable job for all employees.

We, the undersigned, feel the 46th Circuit Trial Court is being unrealistic in its demands and unfair to the other employees of the county. We urge the 46th Circuit Trial Court to accept the benefits given to other county employees. When that happens, we can all strive for a smooth running organization that works within its budget.

We would like to hear from the taxpayers. Write: Crawford County, Benefits and Wages, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

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# BRIEFS

## GHS to host Curriculum Fair

Grayling High School will be hosting a Curriculum Fair on Tuesday, January 28, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the fair is to give students and parents the opportunity to meet with teachers, listen to class overviews and gather information prior to registering for classes for the 2003-04 school year. Students can gain a greater understanding of courses and expectations and staff will have the opportunity to promote new elective courses and existing classes. Kirtland Community College and M-TEC will also be represented at the fair. Parents are invited to attend, as well as 9th through 12th grade students who are home schooled or educated in alternative settings.

## Another chance to see 'Three Men'

Those who wished to see "Three Men and Tenor" but missed their recent local performance through the Crawford AuSable Community Education Cultural Events program, have another chance to hear this unique a cappella group whose repertoire includes songs from the 1930s through the 1990s and spoofs for all ages. The Encore Society of Music, which brings Music on the Banks each year to the AuSable River Festival, is sponsoring a performance on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. at the Dennon Museum in the Milliken Auditorium in Traverse City. Tickets are \$16 each and will be available at the door or by calling the Encore Office at (231) 486-7200.

## Benefit spaghetti dinner scheduled

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Sandy Suisse will be held Saturday, January 25, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Grayling Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72 East). All proceeds will go to help with the recent loss of a family member. Cost of the meal will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family (up to six members). Carry-outs will be available. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards preparing the dinner or to the family, may contact Sharon France at 348-2097, Faye True at 344-2407, Deb Helsel at 275-5759 or the Eagles at 348-5287.

## Church hosts 'New Destiny' singers

Soul's Harbor Worship Center, located at 250 Lake Street in Roscommon, will be hosting a new and upcoming gospel singing group, "New Destiny" on Sunday, January 26 at 6 p.m. A fully staffed nursery will be provided for children age three years and under. The public is invited and the concert is free, however a free will offering will be received. For more information, contact the church office at (989) 275-5309.

## Conservation group to hold annual meeting, open house

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be holding its 35th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at its office in the CRAF Center.

The day begins with an Open House and Meet the Staff event, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Administrator Barb Stauffer and Administrative Assistant Jamie Partell will be there to provide information about available services, and offer 10 percent off all conservation items for sale. Voting on the amateur photo contest entries will also take place.

Lucille Eisbrenner, Program Coordinator, will be on hand to update everyone on the Roscommon County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. Michelle Hill, AmeriCorps member, will be there to discuss the Groundwater Stewardship Program. Home and farm assessment assistance will be available for Roscommon County landowners.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Jacque Korn, will personally discuss a variety of conservation services

available with anyone who may need them.

A copy of the new "Higgins Lake Watershed Management Plan" will be available to view.

Roscommon County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste information will also be available.

Light refreshments will be served and guests can "Spin the Wheel" for door prizes.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business After Hours, followed at 7 p.m. by awards presentations, election and business meeting.

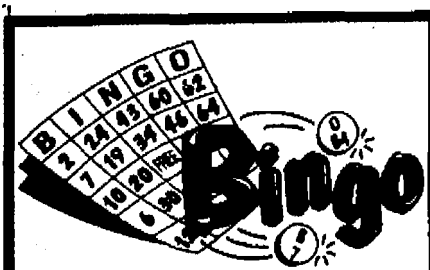
Darcia Little, Jean Lawrence and Liz Wade will be receiving conservation awards for their efforts in watershed protection; and incumbents Jim Johnson and Tom Zeneberg are running unopposed for two four-year terms of office on the District Board of Directors.

The CRAF Center is located at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon. For more information about the meeting or the organization, call (989) 275-5231.

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## GRA Winter Fun Days scheduled for Feb. 7-9

The Grayling Recreational Authority is busy getting Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park ready for its annual event, Grayling Winter Fun Days, scheduled for February 7-9.

All weekend, Hanson Hills will offer free rental of downhill and cross country skis and snowboards, as supplies are available.

On Friday evening, Downhill Cardboard Vehicle Races are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., followed by the Grayling and Roscommon High School Ski Teams lighting up the slopes with their Torch Parade at 8 p.m.

Also at 8 p.m., and indoor horseshoe (bean bag) tournament will take place at the Fred Bear Memorial Center. Entry into the competition for adults is \$10 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call Herb Olson at 348-9456 or 348-8812 (evenings) for more information on this event.

On Saturday, February 8 the day begins at 8 a.m. with a Club Breakfast by the Backwoods Houndsmen Association. Biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon and toast will be served. There is a choice of two different breakfasts; both include coffee or juice. Cost is \$3 or \$4. Breakfast will be served until 11 a.m.

At noon, a Skatepark competition will begin with rollerblading. Entry is \$15 per person.

The remainder of the day includes a Treasure Hunt at 12 noon, and kids competitions of

snowball throwing, three-legged race, scavenger hunt beginning at 1 p.m.

Group ski lessons in both downhill and cross country will be available for beginners and ski and snowboard racing are scheduled for the experienced.

Local bands will entertain on the deck and a bonfire is planned. Music will also be performed in the Main Lodge at 7 p.m. and a teen dance is scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is \$4.

On Sunday, for every lift ticket sold visitors will receive one free trip down the tubing hill.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. local chefs will compete in the annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. After a warm helping or two of chili, head down to the bottom of the bowl outside to witness Dummy Races. Everyone is encouraged to build their own dummy on skis and see how fast he or she will fly down the ski hill. A bonfire will be burning to help keep everyone warm.

The Big Air Competition will also be held that afternoon for skiers and snowboarders. Entrants must register beginning at 1 p.m. Meet at the deck at the Main Lodge. This event is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Doug Slater and Paul and Kathy Olson.

For more information about Grayling Winter Fun Days or any one of the activities and events listed, call Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

## Incontinence, hormone replacement topic of forum

Mercy Hospital Grayling invites the public to attend a free public forum to discuss Hormone Replacement Therapy and its possible side effects.

The session will be hosted by Dr. Carl Schubert, MD, OB/Gyn, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30 at the Mio Church of God. Dr. Schubert will also discuss living with incontinence.

More than six million women in the U.S. currently take estro-

gen/progestin combination therapy for a variety of reasons, including relief of hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms.

In July 2002, researchers halted a major study after women taking the hormones following menopause were found to have a greater risk of breast cancer, heart attack, stroke and blood clots than those who did not take the drugs. This free forum is designed to help answer questions and concerns about the hormone replacement therapy.

## OMH hosts blood drive

Many accidents occur in Michigan's winter months due to icy road conditions. Blood is in high demand because of the number of life-threatening accidents occurring.

Gaylord and surrounding communities can help fulfill the need for blood by participating in an American Red Cross blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital from 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Thursday, January 30. Call (989) 731-2216 to make an appointment to donate.

The American Red Cross needs 3,800 people in Michigan to donate blood each week to maintain the proper supply of blood at the state's 75 hospitals. A person injured in a car crash can require between four and 40 pints of blood.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Freedom from God

Again we reference this review of Ronald Reagan's views on freedom from his 1964 book, "The Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism" as written by Peter Schweizer. Each article in this series is intended to strengthen our resolve as citizens for our present war.

Reagan believed our freedoms are derived from our faith in God. He said, "Even as we explore the most advanced reaches of science, we are returning to the age-old wisdom of our culture, a wisdom contained in the Book of Genesis in the Bible. In the beginning was the spirit, and it was from this spirit that the material abundance of creation issued forth. But progress is not foreordained. The key is freedom, freedom of thought, freedom of information, freedom of communication." Reagan believed that changes to the communism system could be brought about from "the eternal things, from the source of all life, which is faith." He once said, "We can't be happy until the whole world knows freedom the way we do."

Reagan challenged students at the Moscow State University saying, "Freedom is the right to question and change the established way of doing things. It is the continuing revolution of the marketplace. It is the understanding that allows us to recognize shortcomings and seek solutions. It

is the right to put forth an idea, scoffed at by the experts, and watch it catch fire among the people."

Reagan knew that the Soviet Politburo feared radio broadcasts "more than any other American weapon." KGB agent Oleg Tumanov called Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty "everything that constituted a deadly threat to the existence of the Soviet state." Reagan pushed for the greatest radio modernization in the history of broadcasting to reach people behind the iron curtain. Reagan saw the cold war as a "battle of ideas-a test of wills." Reagan saw the Soviet Union as a super power with fourth-rate ideas destined for the "ash heap of history." He was determined to "drive a propaganda wedge between the Russian people and their Leninist overlords."

Reagan understood the origin of war saying, "In all of history, one can find few, if any, instances where people have started a war. War is the province of government, and therefore the more autocratic government is, the more centralized, the more totalitarian, the more government can direct and control the will of the people, the greater the chance of war."

When asked back in 1967 what he thought about Barry Goldwater's statement, "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice," Reagan agreed and said the statement was simply a

total commitment to liberty that "was as old as Cicero."

As Americans we still face the same threats to our freedom. Only the identity and tactics of our enemy have changed. Their ultimate goal remains the same; the destruction of our freedoms, and the enslavement of our country. President Bush accurately named our present war, "Enduring Freedom." Only a strong faith in Jesus Christ can assure us of ultimate victory and enduring freedom. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church. Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Local vocal group to perform in Vermont

The Michelson Singers, a small vocal ensemble comprised of singers from the Grayling area, are bound for Vermont, where they will perform at the von Trapp family mansion as well as several other venues.

The group also hopes to perform in Toronto and Montreal.

The Michelson Singers are sponsored by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling, where they appear regularly during church services.

To help defray the cost of the trip to Vermont, the Michelson

Singers will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on February 13, 14 and 15. The production will be staged at Michelson Church with curtain time set for 7 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available for purchase on February 1 at the church office at 400 Michigan Avenue, as well as other convenient locations.

In addition to their regular Sunday morning responsibilities, the Michelson Singers appear regularly throughout the community, singing at civic functions

and social events. They also frequently travel to communities in the surrounding area for performances.

Recently, the group auditioned for the Michigan Humanities Council Touring Program. In the spring of 2002, the group traveled to Moorehead City, North Carolina to participate in an international choral festival.

For more information about the Michelson Singers and their performances, or about the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," contact Michelson Church at 348-2974.

## Mikenauk Chorale looking to add some new singers

A community choir group, which has entertained many audiences locally and elsewhere will begin rehearsals soon and looks to add new singers to its ranks.

In preparation for its Spring Concert, the Mikenauk Chorale will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, at 149 West Robinson Lake Road, south of Roscommon, between M-18 and County Road 100.

Mikenauk Director Doug Armstead said new singers interested in joining the Chorale should attend this rehearsal. The community choral group, whose members come from

Roscommon, Grayling, Houghton Lake, St. Helen, Prudenville and Higgins Lake, and the surrounding area, performs a minimum of three concerts each year.

Armstead said, based on the overflow crowds experienced during last year's concerts, the first Chorale concert of this year will be performed at two different venues. "The popularity of our performances has grown much faster than we anticipated. Unfortunately, we had a few folks who couldn't find seats last year, so we're definitely going to add a second performance for our Spring Concert," he said.

The group's first performance of its Spring Concert will be

staged on Saturday, May 3, at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. The second performance will take place on Sunday, May 4 at St. James' Catholic Church in Houghton Lake.

Mikenauk Chorale President, June Karjalainen, said the cost of tickets for the Spring Concert, and the locations where they may be purchased, will be announced soon. Proceeds from the Chorale concerts go to help area youth music programs or for music scholarships.

For more information about the Mikenauk Chorale, contact Karjalainen at (989) 275-4287.

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2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm  
Sunday School.....10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: [www.mmm-umc.org](http://www.mmm-umc.org)  
Barrier Free  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School.....  
Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)  
Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 989-275-1061  
Services held Saturday at  
Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
Church Service.....9:30 am  
Saturday School.....  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
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Early Service.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
**Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411**  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
**Pastor Paul Rolfe**  
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Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
**President David Page**  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
**Pastor Patricia Taberne, 348-1278**  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
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Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
**Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
**Pastor Carol Stephan**  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188  
Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church**  
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**Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor**  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
**Pastor Dale Hammond**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Church**  
**Pastor Jimmie McWatters**  
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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
**Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor**  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
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**Church of Christ**  
**Scott Hoffer, Pastor**  
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Wednesday  
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**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
**Pastor Lyle Studer**  
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348-5325  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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**Pastor Terry Colby**  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

**Luzerne Baptist**  
**Pastor James Durfee**  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
**Pastor Fred Coates**  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
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905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp.  
348-5921  
Wed. Morning Bible Study.....9:30 am  
Saturday Worship.....5:00 pm  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Unity**  
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Forbush Corners, Frederic  
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### News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools

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Mrs. Kathee Sheldon is now a student teacher in Mrs. Lori Patterson's first grade class. The student teaching assignment will help her complete her requirement for her teaching certificate.

Mrs. Joelle Gabriel will also be student teaching this semester at the AuSable Primary School. She will be working in Mrs. Sally Yost's second grade and in Mrs. Karyn Rauch-Smock's preschool.

The AuSable Primary is sponsoring a chess club for grades K-5. Beginners meet on Tuesdays for four weeks. Chess Club started January 7 and will run until Tuesday, January 28. Students meet after school in the cafeteria.

Experienced players meet on Wednesdays. This program runs for 12 weeks; the first eight weeks are regular play and the next four weeks are for those who would like to participate in tournaments. The experienced player program ends Wednesday, March 26.

The AuSable Primary's Title I is hosting a Reading Club for their students. It is an eight-week program with the goal of encouraging children to read. Good reading comprehension strategies will be taught and

modeled.

Together with Hanson Hills and the Grayling Youth Booster Club, the Crawford AuSable School District is offering free ski lessons for third and fourth grade students. Classes are on Thursdays and Fridays after school for five weeks.

Beginning the week of January 28, the fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the annual state assessment test: the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program). Fourth grade students will be tested in the subjects of language arts and math.

Fifth grade students will be tested in the subjects of science and social studies. Students have been doing some review in the subject areas and also practicing

some key test-taking strategies. Parents are urged to encourage their children to pay attention to healthy habits and good attendance. Remember: a dose of "positive attitude" goes a long way.

Safety Patrol Student for the month of December is Laura Brackenbury.

On Monday, January 13 the AuSable Primary School kicked off an "I Love My School" contest. The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops for Education from now until February 13 will receive a special Valentine's treat.

Remember: there is only a half day of school for Professional Staff Development on January 27. Students will be dismissed at 12:41 p.m.

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Three bad checks), one damage to property, one family offense/ abuse/neglect, one liquor violations - sell, one obstruct police (other), five public peace/disorderly, two conservation, four miscellaneous arrest, one driving violations/driving while license suspended, etc.

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## New CNS reporter reports for duty

The *Avalanche* welcomes its latest Capital News Service (CNS) correspondent, Corbin Sullivan, giving us news from Lansing about the government and how it affects Crawford County residents.

Sullivan is a first year graduate student at Michigan State University, with a focus on environmental and science reporting. He comes to Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism

and Zoology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

In addition to CNS, Sullivan is also heavily involved in the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at MSU. He is the editor for *EJ Magazine*, the biannual environmental publication of the Knight Center. He will also take part in organizing the annual Great Lakes conference for environmental students and professors across the state.

When Sullivan isn't writing or editing, he trains for triathlons. He will be participating in the collegiate national triathlon in Phoenix, Arizona later this year.

Growing up in central Wisconsin, Sullivan has developed a feel for the rural issues that are important to areas such as Grayling.

He will be a contributing writer during the next few months.



Corbin Sullivan

## City sets date for DDA public hearing

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cannot be captured by the DDA, and taxing authorities that operate within the district (other than the city, township, or village establishing the DDA) can opt to not allow DDA capture of their taxes.

DDA funds can be used for improvement projects on public property within its district.

A DDA requires formation of a board that consists of a "chief

executive officer" and between eight and 12 board members. If the approved district has 100 or more residents within its boundaries, a citizens advisory board must be created.

City Manager Allen Lowe, who is also a member of the city's five-person DDA committee, said the proposed district has no where near 100 residents, so the advisory board should not be an issue.

According to DDA committee member Tim Zigala, the group had a difficult time agreeing on a district to recommend to the council. "This has been a long process for us," he said. "But we did reach an agreement on the size of the district."

"The process of creating the boundaries (of the DDA district) is really up to the council as part of establishing a DDA," Zigala said. "We encourage the city to establish a DDA. The committee believes it will help the community."

"It's a great opportunity for us," he said. "I think it's time that we do move forward."

The city council voted 3-1 on Monday night to set the public hearing for Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. A location had not been firmly established as of Monday, January 20. The city will not have meeting space of its own until its new hall is completed this spring and has to secure a site large enough to accommodate the hearing. (Councilman Roger Moshier voted "no" on the motion and Councilman Brian Banda was absent.)

The tentative district recommended by the DDA committee can be adjusted. The public hearing will give area residents the opportunity to speak with regard to the district - what should be included and what shouldn't - and on the DDA issue in general.

Councilman Dennis Palmer said he is "100 percent for a DDA" but he is not satisfied with the proposed district.

"I would like to see larger boundaries," Palmer said. "It's easy to subtract (from the district), but to add something you have to go through the entire process all over again. There's not a lot of areas for growth in the current area."

Mayor Dave Wyman said that too big of a district could result in the DDA ending up with too big a slice of the city's revenue growth. "We need to strike a happy medium," Wyman said.

After the public hearing, the city must wait at least 60 days before voting on the establishment of a DDA. The purpose of the 60-day wait is to allow the local taxing authorities time to decide whether or not to opt out of having their tax revenue increases within the district captured by the DDA.

In 1999, a previous council went through the public hearing process and ultimately voted down establishing a DDA with a 3-2 vote.

## Testimony sheds light on death of local man

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a Grayling man for \$50 and a morphine patch.

Mitchell testified under oath that the day after the break-ins, October 4, 2002, she and some of her friends rented a room at the Super 8 Motel near Grayling where she applied the time-released Fentanyl patch to her hip area. She said that just minutes later she began to feel the effects of the drug, and didn't

like it. She removed the patch and offered it to others in the room.

Mitchell's testimony became tear-filled when she described how 24-year old Shea Wallace Simpson accepted the offer of the patch, proceeded to peel it apart and eat its contents. Within minutes, Mitchell said Simpson was "just laying there, making weird noises" so she rolled him onto the floor to try to awaken

him, to no avail. When she brought Simpson's condition to the attention of the others, Mitchell said they told her "he's fine." According to the medical examiner's statement, Simpson died sometime after 10 p.m. from a combined overdose.

The Fentanyl patch is comprised of a potent painkiller, designed to be released over several hours through the skin, not ingested orally in one dose.

Under questioning from Judge Murphy, Mitchell stated she didn't realize what she had done was considered delivery of a controlled substance, but knew it was illegal for her to have the patch.

Judge Murphy cancelled Mitchell's \$7,500 bond and placed her in the custody of Crawford County Corrections. She is expected to be sentenced early next month. Mitchell faces up to seven years in prison or a \$10,000 fine on the drug charge and 10 years in prison on the felony breaking and entering charge.

Under the plea agreement, if Judge Murphy sentences her to more than 12 months in the county jail, Mitchell has the option of withdrawing her guilty pleas and all charges against her will be reinstated.

Mitchell has not been charged in the death of Simpson.

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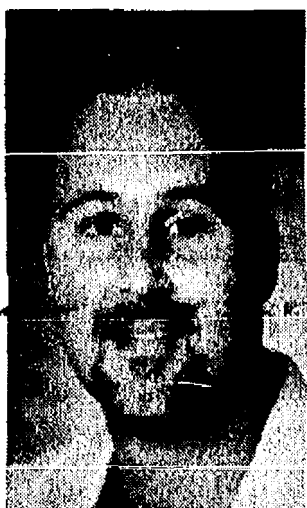


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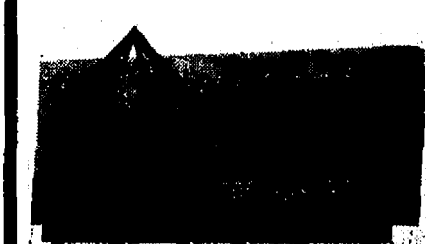
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# DNR loophole allows hunters to bag illegal permits

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Every Michigan hunter has the right to apply for limited quota licenses for species such as wild turkey, bear and elk. But a loophole in the Department of Natural Resources computer registration system has denied some hunters that right, while giving others more than their fair share of permits, according to a report by the state Auditor General's office.

Some hunters have used multiple forms of identification to skirt the eligibility requirements for limited-quota licenses, the audit report said. It blamed the DNR's improper analysis of computer data on hunters.

"A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person applies more than once for a limited-quota hunting license," the report noted.

"It's against the law, and they'd be ticketed, but we can't give fines. That's up to the court," said David Davis, the Gaylord district DNR lieutenant. Despite the possible punishment, some hunters still tried and succeeded in getting multiple permits.

Adam Carpenter, the owner of Carpenter's Outdoor Outfitters in Marquette, said, "If I noticed someone applying for multiple permits, I'd contact the DNR because I know it's illegal."

Brad Wurfel, a DNR media representative, said, "Our greatest concern was folks that were in the system under several different names."

Hunters who filled out multiple applications only needed to use slight variations on their

names to appear as separate entries, the report said. For example, the use of a first name on one application and a first initial on another was enough, even if all the other personal information, such as address and birth date, was the same.

This is especially a problem for applicants for the highly prized elk and bear permits. More than 45,000 applied for each in 2002, but fewer than 10,000 applications were selected for bear permits, and only 256 were selected for elk permits.

Hunters did have to show identification with their license application, but three types of identification are acceptable: driver's licenses, state-issued personal ID cards and Sportcards. The DNR issues Sportcards for \$1 if a hunter does not have alternate forms of identification.

If one or more forms of identification had differences in the hunter's name, they could pass as separate entries.

As of June 2002, there were more than 4,000 hunters with multiple Sportcards, some with as many as 12 different cards, the Auditor General found. And each Sportcard gave a hunter another opportunity to fill out a permit application.

The Auditor General's report was not the first indication of problems in the DNR's system.

"As I understand it, this problem was caught first by sportsmen," Wurfel said. "Hunters complained because they were not getting the permits they thought they would."

Two different problems arose from the faulty permit selection

process:

One problem was the opportunity for applicants to illegally obtain extra permits. Because there were a limited number of permits for such species as wild turkey, some hunters were excluded by those who cheated the system.

The other problem relates to the state's point accumulation system for bear hunting. When hunters are denied a bear permit, they accumulate points to improve their chances of selection the next year. Because the computer system could not link names that were not exactly alike, some hunters did not accumulate points they were entitled to.

Wurfel said, "There were people that were waiting around confidently for their bear permit and it never came."

According to the report, the abuses were not widespread, but the glitches in the system could have other detrimental effects.

Jason Dinsmore, an environmental policy assistant for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said, "It's a large concern if the software is not reliable."

Dinsmore cited the need for accurate recording of hunters to know their effect on animal populations and to regulate conservation efforts.

"A lot comes from those numbers, including where they're hunting, when they're hunting and what they're hunting," Dinsmore said.

He doesn't hold the DNR completely at fault. "It's understandable with the amount the DNR has to deal with. Everybody makes mistakes -- it's just a matter of how they fix them," Dinsmore said.

Since the initial complaints from hunters, the DNR has tried to resolve the problems.

"The rules require them [DNR] to respond to the Department of Management and Budget within 60 days of when the audit report was released," said Jim Neubecker, the state deputy auditor general. "It should be an easy problem to fix."

Kelli Sobel, the DNR's administrative service deputy, said, "We needed to use some controls that were already in the system."

She was referring to the "merge-purge" function of the computer software that matches records to ensure that the same person isn't entered under different names or variations.

Now the DNR runs the merge-purge before every permit drawing so there can be no illegal multiple permits, Sobel said.

"The concern for us is that we do everything necessary to prevent loopholes in the system," said Sobel.

Even though the DNR says problems with limited quota licenses are being fixed, there are likely still other loopholes to be found. Wurfel said, "If somebody is determined to cheat the system, they'll find a way."

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# Wertz Warriors head north on 900-mile trek

► Fund-raising snowmobilers will stop in Grayling, Lovells, Frederic

Vic Wertz, former Detroit Tiger, could not have imagined that 22 years after starting a snowmobile endurance ride to benefit Special Olympics Michigan that his friends (and friends of those friends) would still be making the 900-mile annual trek.

The Wertz Warriors will hold their 22nd ride this year from January 26 to February 2. Why are they still doing it? To make a top-notch winter sports competition possible for 1,100 Special

Olympics athletes at the State Winter Games.

Special Olympics Michigan provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation. Participating in Special Olympics gives athletes continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience the joy of achievement, be included in the community, build skills, and make friends.

The Wertz Warrior Snowmobile Endurance Ride begins in Mount Clemens on January 26 and ends in Mackinaw City on February 1, with stops at Moose Lodges, VFW halls, church halls, and restaurants across northern Michigan. The Warriors will make overnight stops in Tawas, Houghton Lake, Grayling, Traverse City, Lewiston and Petoskey.

A memorable stop on the ride will be the State Winter Games presented by Wertz Warriors on Wednesday, January 29 at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa near Traverse City and will participate in Opening Ceremonies including a check presentation of

monies raised. Competition at the games includes downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, figure skating and speed skating.

The Wertz Warriors were founded in 1982 by Vic Wertz, whose dream was to underwrite the Special Olympics Michigan State Winter Games. Wertz passed away in 1983, but the Warriors carried on the ride in his name. Former Detroit Tiger pitcher, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, has stepped in for the last 10 years to attend the ride and serve as honorary chairman.

Seventy riders and over 30 support crew members will make the ride this year. In addition to fund-raising which occurs during the ride, each Warrior holds other fund-raisers throughout the year and must raise a minimum of \$3,000 just to participate.

Those who wish to help the Wertz Warriors achieve their fund-raising goal this year can send a contribution to: Wertz Warriors, P.O. Box 1132, Mount Clemens, MI 48046. Checks should be made payable to Special Olympics Michigan. For more information, call (810) 954-9770.

## The Wertz Warriors are riding into town

Anyone who has ever been on hand to greet the Wertz Warriors Endurance Riders as they approach one of their stops, can testify you can hear the drone of their snowmobiles from about a half mile out. Come out and cheer them on as they raise funds for Special Olympics.

On Tuesday, January 28 4:30 p.m. at Skyline Country Club in Beaver Creek Township. Then at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Departure is the following morning at 7:15 a.m.

On Thursday, January 30 the Warriors will have dinner in Lewiston at St. Francis Church, then on Friday, January 31, they are expected to arrive at Lovells Riverside Tavern at 10:30 a.m. By 12:30 p.m. that day, the Warriors will be due to arrive at the Swamp II in Frederic.

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## 'Time' writer to speak at upcoming free program

► Topics include nation, economy, 2003 financial markets

A free program featuring *Time* magazine political writer, Hugh Sidey, is scheduled in Grayling next Wednesday evening.

Kurt Loll, the Edward Jones investment representative in Grayling said the program will be held January 29 at 6 p.m. at the Edward Jones office, 307 Huron Street. The program will be a live, interactive nationwide broadcast via the firm's private satellite network.

During the program, Sidey and Edward Jones financial experts will discuss their outlook on the nation, economy and financial markets in 2003.

"Corporate accounting scan-

dals and a sluggish economy have caused some investors to become timid on the stock market," said Loll. "This program will offer all investors valuable insight into the coming year and highlight specific opportunities."

Sidey began his career with *Life* magazine in 1957 and later became *Time* magazine's political and White House correspondent. To date, he has written about every president from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

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## Business students head to state competition

### ► Administrative Support Team places first at Regionals

The Grayling High School (GHS) chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) is moving on to state competition for the third year in a row.

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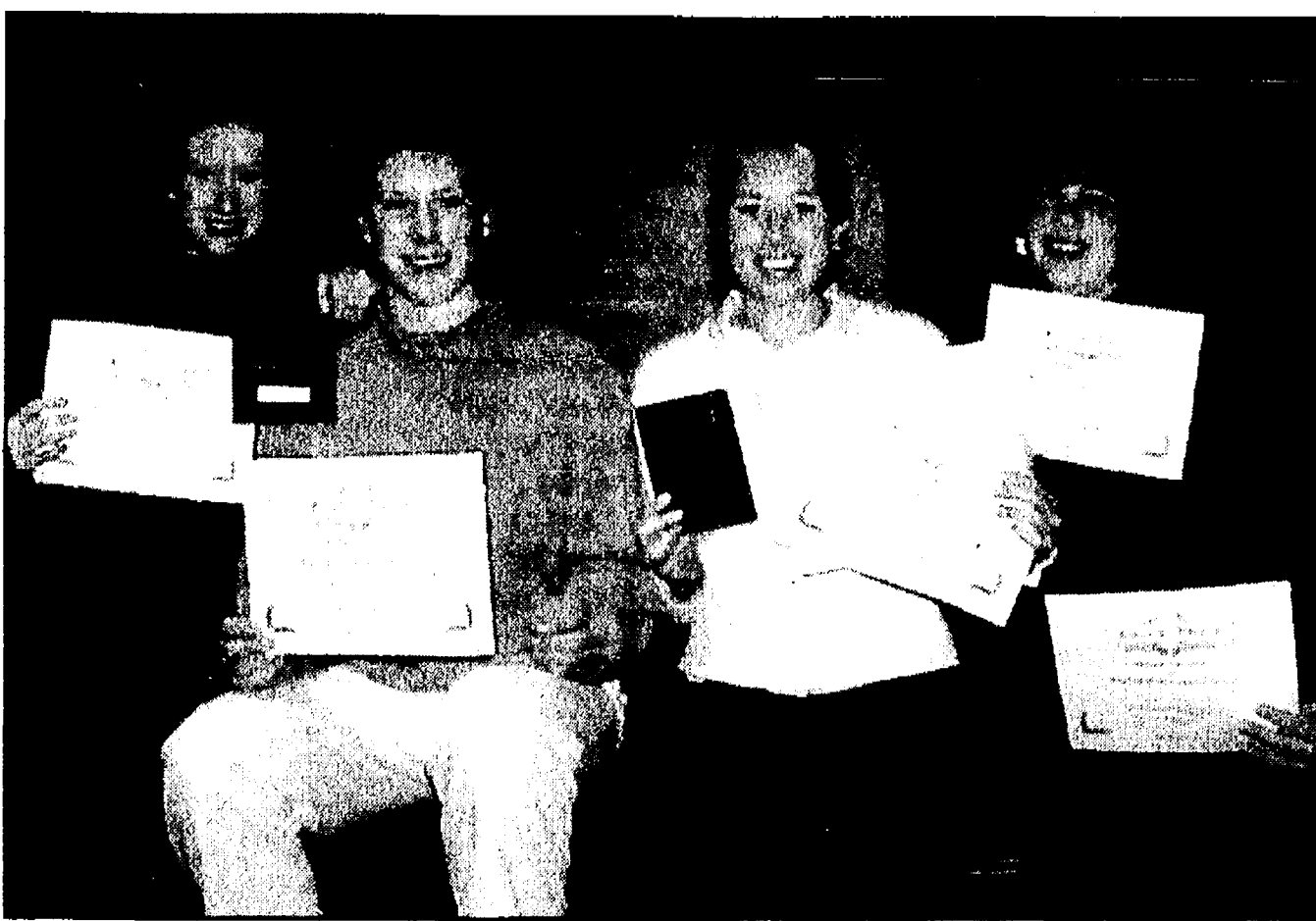
Involvement in Business Professionals of America enhances social awareness, civic responsibility, and understanding of the business community.

The mission of BPA is to contribute to the preparation of a world class work force through the advancement of leadership, citizenship and academic technological skills.

The GHS chapter of BPA includes the following students: Officers - Jesse Van Slyke (President - senior), Janelle Gregorich - (Vice President - senior), Kristal Schallau (Secretary - senior), Ashley Bancroft (Treasurer - senior), Amber Edgerton (Historian - senior), and Charles Peterson (Parliamentarian - junior). Other members include junior Justin DeVille and senior Cody Myers.

Advisors are: Terri Lasby and John Lasby, Business Service Technology teachers at GHS.

Students competed at regional level on Saturday, January 11. The competition was held at Central Michigan University (CMU) where over 600 students from Region VIII competed in a variety of business areas. The



Grayling High School Business Technology students Ashley Bancroft, Justin DeVille, Janelle Gregorich and Cody Myers are headed to BPA state competition.

31st annual Michigan Association State Leadership Conference will be held on March 6-9 at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. This year's theme is "My Time to Shine."

Gregorich, DeVille and Bancroft placed 1st in Administrative Support Team and will move on to state competition. Gregorich also placed 2nd in Basic Office Systems and Procedures and will compete at the state level in that category as well.

Myers will be moving on to

state competition after placing 5th in Keyboarding Production and 7th in Spreadsheet Applications and Analysis. Edgerton and Van Slyke will compete at state level in open events.

BPA is currently holding a fundraiser to try to raise money to take these students to state competition. Students are selling raffle tickets for \$10 each. The prize is an HP Pavilion computer with warranty, donated by Phil Lewis of the Grayling Generating Station.

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## Woman's journey is proof: welfare reform works

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Through the FIA and the state's Work First program, Van Pelt began her journey to self-sufficiency with training at the Grayling Nursing Centre, an extended care facility. Because of her dedication and hard work, she is now a Registered Care Provider at Compassionate Care Home Health Services in Gaylord.

Van Pelt's supervisor, Arlene Musakka, said, "Heather is honest, dependable and accepts constructive criticism well. Many of our clients ask specifically for Heather."

Presenting a framed certificate of achievement that day was

106th District State Representative Matt Gillard who said, "Heather's story is an example for the community to take responsibility for your own future. These programs work and Heather is a shining example for those who feel there is no hope."

Also in attendance were Crawford County Commissioner and FIA board liaison, Rick Anderson, and a representative from 36th District State Senator Tony Stamas' office, Matt Ivan, who congratulated Van Pelt on behalf of Sen. Stamas.

Newly appointed state FIA Director, Nannette Bowler, presented Van Pelt with the Achiever of the Month framed certificate and said, "This award places a face on those who strive so hard to better their lives. Today, we celebrate the journey along the way, as well as the achievements

of this young woman."

Pushman said Van Pelt's determination and willingness to work hard to improve her life is a gift to herself, the staff and the community. "It's a case like Heather's that encourages our staff to keep doing what we do here at FIA. She is a wonderful role model."

The Crawford County FIA Board of Directors also extended congratulations. Barbara Clark-Greene presented Van Pelt with a gift on behalf of herself and fellow board members Brad Summers and Bruce Schroeder who were both in attendance.

Van Pelt said she received support from so many people at work and at church, and especially from her parents, her six-year old daughter Kristin Condee, FIA caseworker Irene Dickie, her supervisor and her best friend,

Pam Studer. "And, I need to thank God," she added with tears welling up in her eyes. "Without Him, I don't know where I'd be."

Van Pelt, who explained FIA helped her find a car and insure it, and helped with her bills, said, "They never gave up on me; they were always there for me through all the rough times that could have stopped me from succeeding otherwise." But, she said, the most important thing continues to be the way she is treated with respect.

Van Pelt said she believes taxpayer dollars are well spent on the programs that have helped her along the way to become a productive member of the community and independent of state aid. She recently closed her file at FIA and hopes to finish her high school education in the near future.

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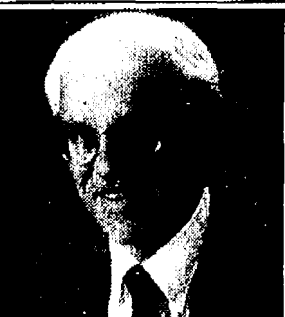
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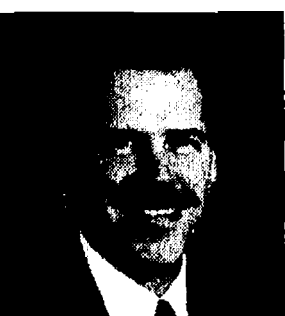
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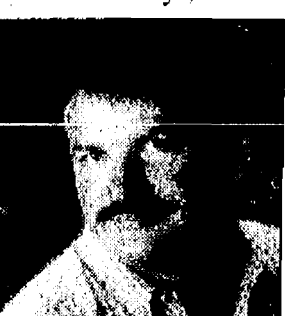
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State Representative Matt Gillard (left) presented a certificate of achievement to Heather Van Pelt (center) and State FIA Director Nannette Bowler (right) presented her with the Achiever of the Month Award at a ceremony held January 17 at the Crawford County FIA office. Van Pelt has worked her way off of public assistance and hopes more people can do the same.

## Grayling grad begins political climb

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make him a clear choice."

Regardless of this weekend's outcome, Moore hopes to remain atop the list of future Republican leaders.

He has received support, both

grassroots and monetary, from not only the Crawford County Republican delegation, but also by elected officials across the state.

"I am grateful for all of the support I have received and look

forward to continuing the efforts of the Republican Party here in Michigan," said Moore.

Moore is the son of Steve Moore and Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore.

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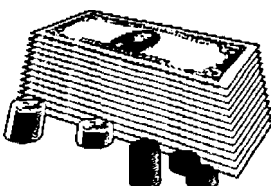
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## School board hears more from Frederic

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A 35th item stated, "in (the) 1966 consolidation Grayling was in debt and financial problems were faced. Frederic had no debt and was not in financial trouble - Grayling got (a) much larger tax base, land, and surplus funds from Frederic.

"Frederic got an opportunity for a more diverse high school offering and a written agreement to keep Frederic Elementary School and Frederic Junior High in Frederic. The former Frederic school district still brings in far more per student than the rest of CASD (Crawford AuSable School District).

"We as members of CASD need a strong school board and administration to make cuts throughout the schools and not use our resources to close one school."

Clem Sajdak, of Frederic, asked the board to remember Frederic as part of the Crawford AuSable School District, not as a satellite. He added that everyone in the

school district should be treated equally.

William Johnson, a member of the Frederic Township Board, presented the school board with a resolution from the township (see following).

Myrna Newberry, of Frederic, asked when the board would make their decision. Board President Karl Schreiner said it would be no earlier than the next regularly scheduled board meeting and possibly later.

At the conclusion of the public comment session, the board scheduled a special board meeting to be held at Frederic Elementary at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 5 to deal only with the proposed closure of Frederic Elementary.

At that meeting the board will have documentation and answers for all of the questions they have received. They will also have found out what other school districts of similar size are doing in the face of financial problems. Board members will have attended

a financial workshop and will have a list of proposed cuts. They will also have the recommendations of the administrative team regarding proposed cuts.

*Frederic Township Resolution  
January 14, 2003  
Closing of Frederic Elementary School*

WHEREAS: The Crawford AuSable Schools superintendent is ignoring the Crawford AuSable Board resolutions of 1966 (which came up missing) and August 19, 1991, that states that the board will keep the Frederic Elem. School open for elementary students of the Frederic area.

WHEREAS: The superintendent is recommending to the Board of Education that they close the Frederic Elementary School in order to save money.

WHEREAS: In the 1991 resolution that states, the board will keep the school open as long as the school age population in the Frederic Elementary Attendance area continues to require at least

one classroom per grade level.

WHEREAS: The Crawford AuSable Board resolved and pledged continuation of excellent education programming at the Frederic Elementary School.

WHEREAS: The school has transferred students from the Frederic area to the Grayling Elementary, for the convenience of transportation.

WHEREAS: By closing of the Frederic School, it would be devastating to the Town of Frederic.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that The Frederic Township Board of Trustees does not support the closing of the Frederic Elementary School for any reason.

The foregoing resolution offered by the Board of Trustees by a roll call vote:

Ron Lewis "Aye"  
Nancy Bindschattel "Aye"  
Earnest Barber "Aye"  
William Johnson "Aye"  
Sandra Barber "Absent"  
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Varsity b-ball 3B

## Vikings win tripleheader

### Grayling leads the NEMC at 5-0

► Vikings keep their league streak alive with 60-53 win over Ogemaw

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team preserved its perfect conference record with a 60-53 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling on Friday.

The Vikings (6-2 overall) are leading the North East Michigan Conference with a 5-0 league record.

The first half of the Ogemaw game was a low scoring affair.

Grayling led 10-4 after the first period. The Vikings scored their 10 on a shot inside by Roy Czapek, a tip-in by Joe Lange on an in-bounds pass from Gibson Tobin, a shot inside by Joe Zelek on a pass from Lange, and free throws (two each) by Tobin and Lange.

Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter. Most of the action was at the free throw line — 26 fouls shots were taken in the eight-minute period.

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See "GRAYLING..."

### JV team 8-0 after 62-54 victory

► Junior varsity basketball squad posts eight-point win over Falcons

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

A 62-54 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Friday improved the GHS junior varsity boys basketball team's season record to 8-0.

Grayling led for most of the contest, but West Branch kept the game close and threatened to steal the game late in the fourth quarter. The Falcons got

within two in the final minutes, but the Vikings hit their free throws down the stretch and held on for the win.

GHS outscored West Branch 21-13 in the first quarter. Grayling scored its 21 on a lay-up by Hinkle on the tip-off play, a shot inside by Bobby Starks, a drive by Ryan Schmidt, a triple by Hinkle, a lay-up by Schmidt, jumpers by D.J. Metzger and Tyler Cragg, a lay-up and a shot inside by Starks, and a drive by Hinkle on a pass from Starks.

A jump shot by Hinkle and a

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See "JV TEAM..."

### 9th graders still unbeaten at 6-0

► Freshman team defeats West Branch Ogemaw Heights 77-65

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team won its sixth consecutive game last week with a 77-65 victory over the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling on Friday night.

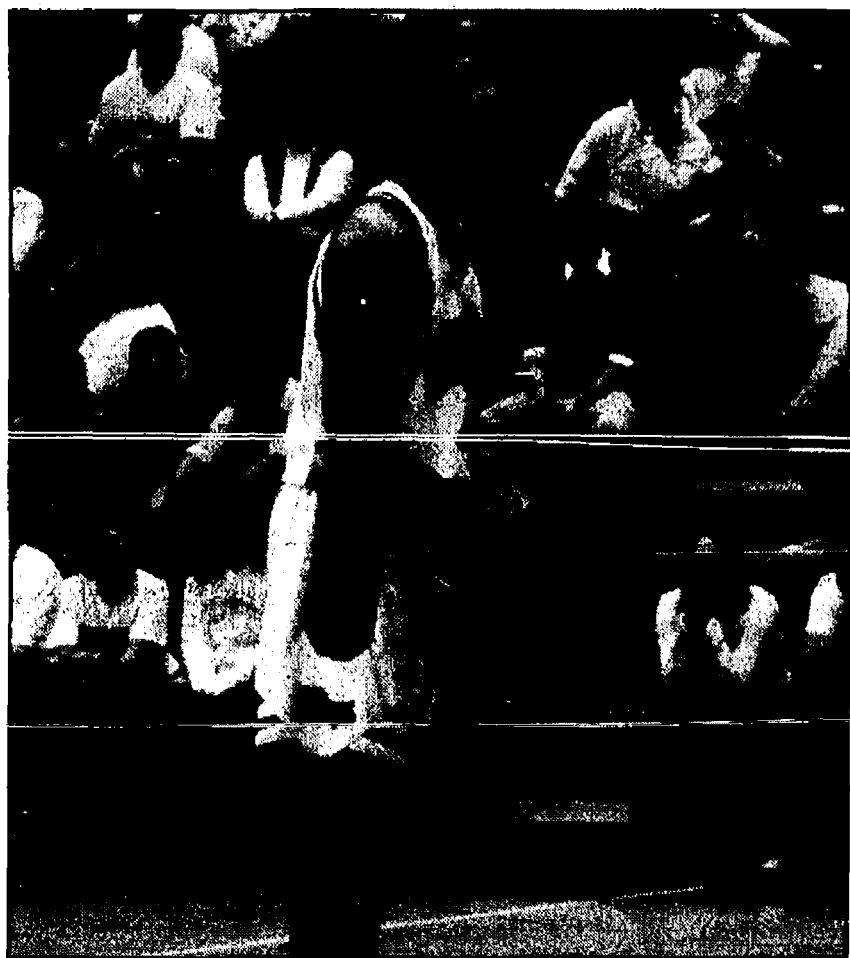
The Vikings got off to a slow start but won the game with a strong second half effort.

Grayling trailed 19-18 at the end of the first quarter. Eli VanNuck had eight of Grayling's 18 first quarter points. The Vikings also scored on a drive by Zeke Hayes, a shot inside by Zach Dean, a put-back by Dean, and two jump shots by Hayes.

West Branch outscored GHS 13-10 in the second period to lead 32-28 at the half. The Vikings scored their 10 on two jumpers and a put-back by Reagan Schmidt, a jumper by J.C. Schneider, and a jump shot by Zac Baker.

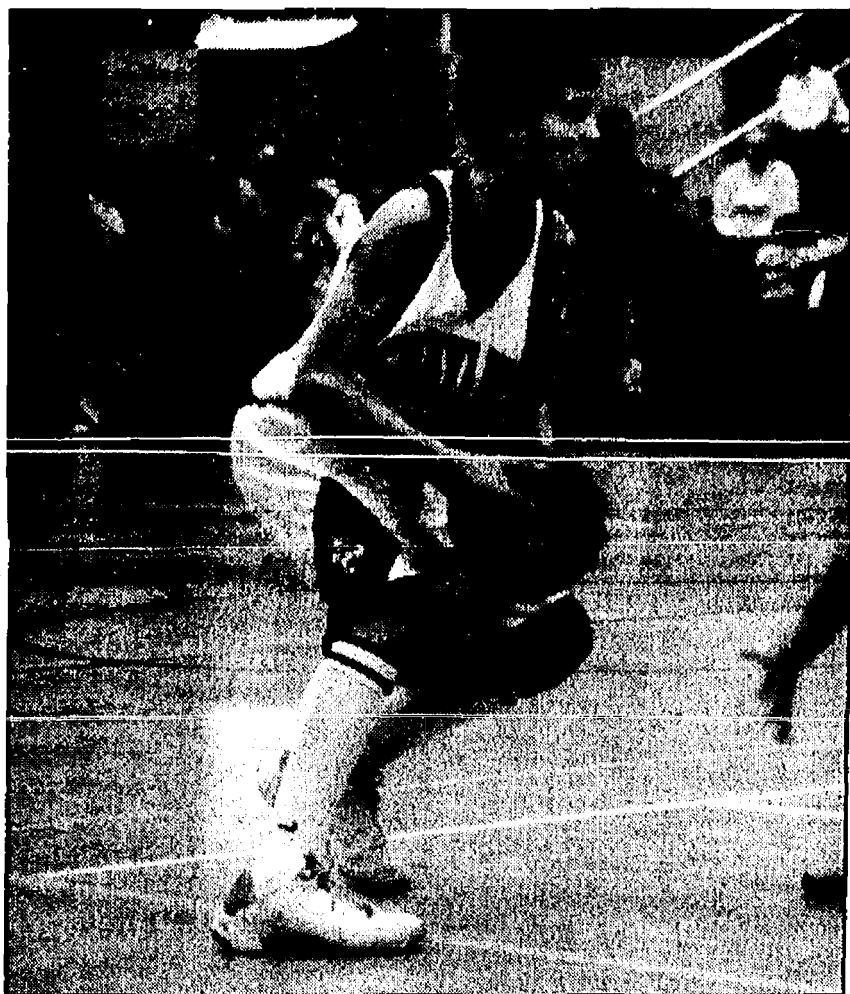
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See "9TH GRADERS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Joe Lange takes a free throw shot in the varsity game against Ogemaw Heights on Friday.



Ryan Schmidt handles the ball for Grayling in Friday night's JV match at GHS.



Zac Baker drives the ball down the sideline on Friday night vs. West Branch.

## Wrestlers win 1, lose 1 in league meet

► Vikings place 8th out of 17 teams at Ithaca tournament

In a three-way conference wrestling meet last Thursday, Grayling High School defeated Oscoda 42-36 but lost to Pinconning 52-22.

"It was a tough meet and a lot of matches could have went either way," said Coach Don Ferguson.

For Grayling, Adam Malone (130) and Brandon Pratt (171) each won both of their matches.

James Walker (125), Brian Borchers (135), Joel Wilson (145), Mike Gassman (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Don Starks (189), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Travis Brush (275) each had one victory for the Vikings.

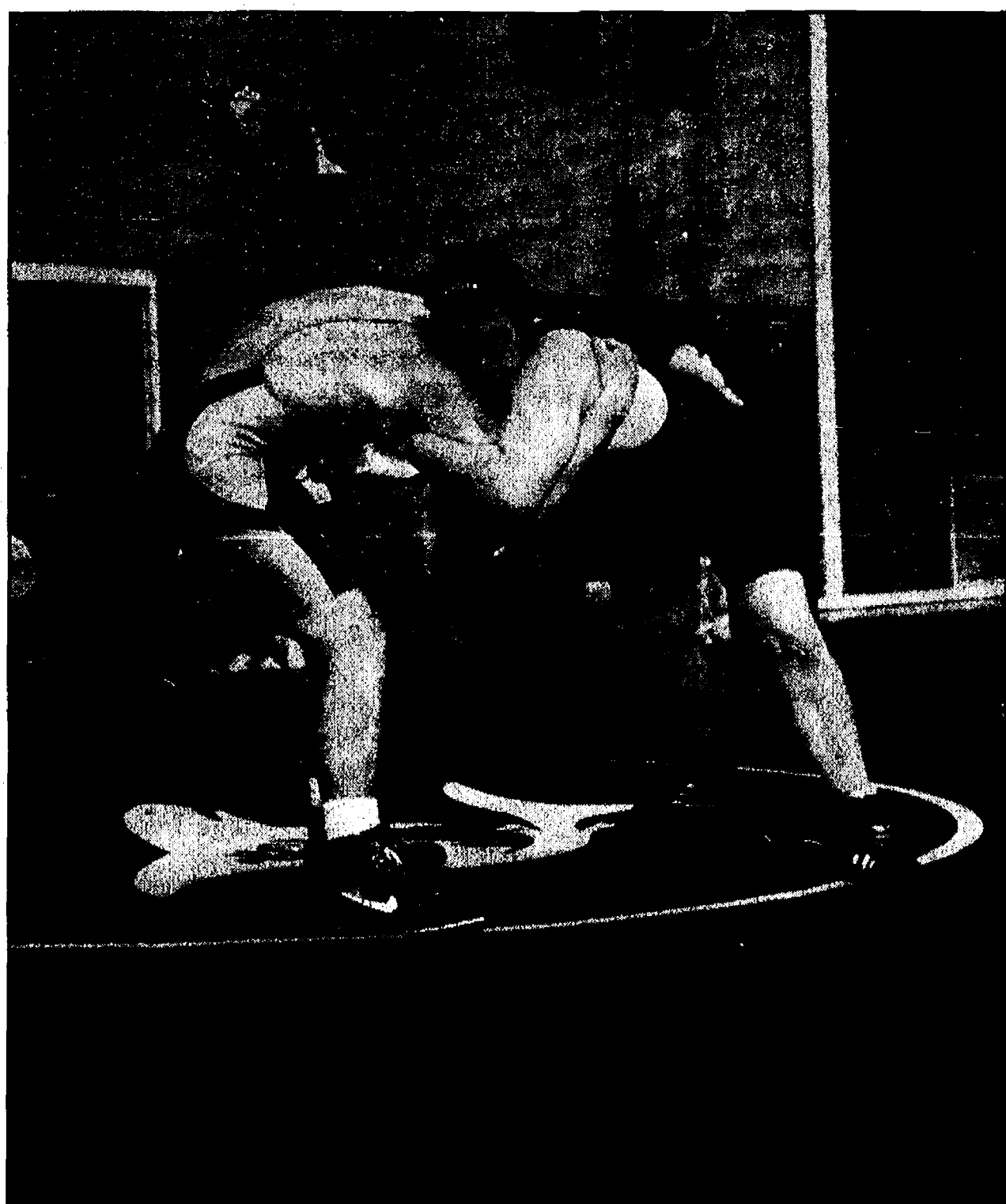
On Saturday, Grayling placed 8th at a 17-team tournament in Ithaca.

Wilson (145) placed 2nd in his weight class. Wilson, a freshman, is 17-5 so far this season.

Babbitt (160) placed 3rd. He won four matches and lost one (to a defending state champion from Ithaca). "It was a great match," Coach Ferguson said.

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See "WRESTLERS WIN..."



GHS wrestler Aaron Rosecrans competes in a match at the Ithaca tournament on Saturday.

## Ski team still tops in conference

► GHS ski teams are still unbeaten after second week of competition

After competing against seven other squads, the Grayling High School ski teams are still tops in the Central Alpine Ski Conference — and unbeaten.

In the second week of competition, Grayling's girls ski team defeated Clare twice, Farwell once, and tied with Mt. Pleasant.

On Tuesday, the girls team beat Clare 29-44 and tied Mt. Pleasant 37-37. The leading skier for GHS in the meet was Mallory Olson, who finished with 10 total points in four races. Olson placed 2nd in both slalom races and 3rd in both giant slalom (GS) races.

Jill Seager was second overall with 27 points. She took 8th and 9th in slalom and 4th and 6th in GS. Heather Vandecar and Kassie McClain had 28 points each. Vandecar placed 1st in both slaloms but disqualified in GS. McClain was 7th in both slalom races and 7th and 10th in GS.

Andria Alvarez had 19 points. She placed 1st and 2nd in GS but disqualified in slalom. Jessica Thomson had 30 total points, placing 4th and 6th in slalom and 9th and 11th in GS.

"The girls are pushing their limits very hard," Coach Mike Wieland said. "They are just not real consistent yet due to the lack of good snow early in the season. We need to keep those top skiers on their feet. We have had great help from our team depth in remaining undefeated."

The boys team beat Clare 23-63 and Mt. Pleasant 28-48. The leading skier for GHS was Trevor Clough, who finished with nine points on two 1st place slalom finishes and a 3rd and 4th in GS.

Jim Jansen was second on the team with 12 points. He placed 1st and 2nd in GS and 4th and 5th in slalom. Pat McNally scored 14 points, placing 3rd and 4th in slalom and 2nd and 3rd in GS.

John Handy had 16 points. He placed 2nd and 3rd in slalom and 6th and 4th in GS. Eric Hunter scored 29 points with 5th and 7th place finishes in slalom and 7th and 10th in GS. Adam Gilbert scored 34 points with 6th and 8th in slalom and 8th and 12th in GS.

"The boys really want the league championship this year and Clare and Mt. Pleasant have always been their biggest competition. If they remain as focused as they appear to be

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See "SKI TEAM STILL..."



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# 9th graders still unbeaten at 6-0

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The Vikings were plagued by turnovers all through the first half, but Grayling took better care of the ball in the second half.

GHS opened the third quarter with an 11-0 run, which included a shot inside by Schmidt, jumpers by Dean and Baker, a drive by VanNuck, and free throws by Baker and VanNuck.

West Branch scored the next two baskets to cut Grayling's lead to three, 39-36.

The Vikings responded with an 8-0 run that included baskets by Baker, Schmidt, and VanNuck and two free throws by Schneider.

Ogemaw scored the next six points to pull within five. A shot inside by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to four, 48-44.

A put-back by Dean put the Vikings up by six. A shot inside by Ogemaw cut it back down to four. A three-point play by Baker with 37 seconds left in the third quarter - the last points of the period - gave GHS a 53-46 advantage.

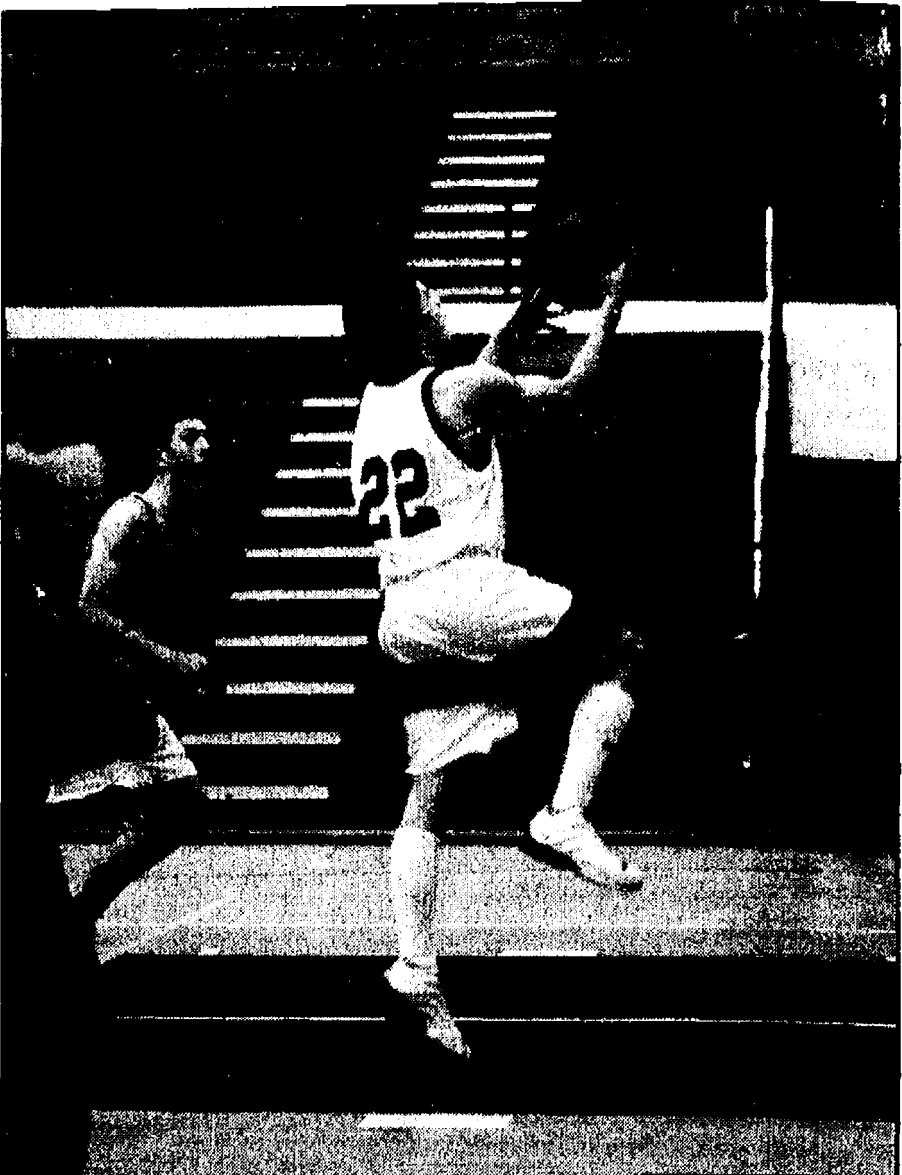
A jump shot by Ryan Feldhauser put Grayling up by nine. West Branch answered to pull back within seven. Free throws by Baker, VanNuck, and Schneider put GHS up by 13.

The Vikings continued to hit their free throws down the stretch and won the game by 12, 77-65. Grayling shot 16 for 19 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

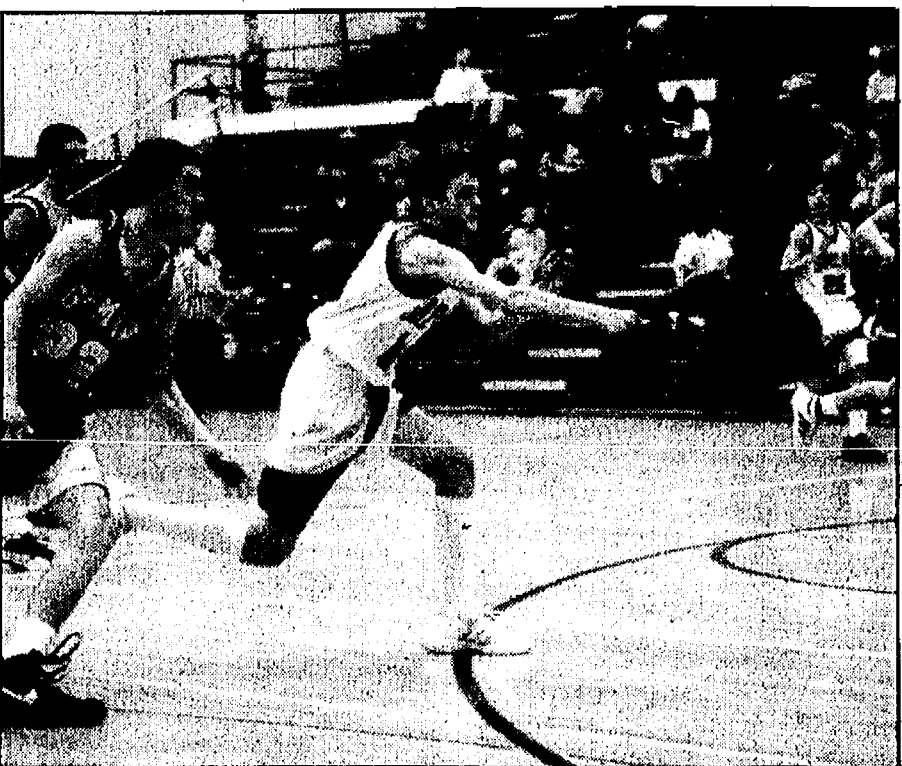
Four GHS players reached double digits in scoring: Dean (17), VanNuck (14), Baker (14), and Schmidt (12). Hayes finished with nine and Schneider had eight.

The victory improved Grayling's season record to 6-0.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:30 p.m.



Reagan Schmidt drives in for a lay-up for the freshman team in the game vs. West Branch on Friday.



Ryan Feldhauser passes off to a teammate in Friday night's win over Ogemaw at GHS.

# Ski team still tops in conference

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focused as they appear to be now, they took a big step towards that goal by defeating both Clare and Mt. Pleasant this week," Coach Wieland said.

On Thursday, the Vikings faced Clare and Farwell at Snowsnake (near Clare).

Grayling's girls team defeated Clare 29-48 and Farwell 21-63.

For GHS, Olson and Alvarez each had nine points. Alvarez placed 3rd in both slaloms and 1st and 2nd in GS. Olson was 2nd in both slalom races and 2nd and 3rd in GS.

Seager was third overall with 18 points. She placed 4th and 5th in slalom and 9th and 7th in GS.

Vandecar won the slalom races and had the fastest time in her first GS run, but lost a ski in the starting gate of her second run and was disqualified.

"The girls team has three girls that are winning races. In the 14 races they have competed in, they have 12 victories between them. If we can get the top three to finish every race we would be tougher as a team, but that's the nature of ski racing - skiing as fast as you can and not crashing is what it is all about," Coach Wieland said.

The boys team extended its winning streak at Snowsnake by defeating Clare 28-50 and Farwell 21-68.

The Vikings were led by Clough, who posted five points with two 1st place finishes in slalom and a 1st and 2nd in GS. Jansen scored 12 team points with a 2nd and 3rd in GS and 3rd and 4th in slalom.

Handy was third overall in the meets with 14 points. He finished 3rd and 4th in slalom and 5th in both GS races. Gilbert placed 3rd and 4th in GS and 8th and 9th in slalom for 24 total points.

Hunter scored 27 team points with 5th and 7th in GS and 7th and 8th in slalom.

"McInally had an off day for him and scored 30 total points, falling or climbing in all events," Coach Wieland said.

McInally placed 5th and 6th in slalom and 9th and 10th in GS.

The GHS ski teams will compete at Snowsnake again on Thursday, January 23 against Harrison and Mt. Pleasant at 2 p.m.

"This rematch on Mt. Pleasant's home hill will be very important in league standings," Coach Wieland said.

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### Vikings of the Week

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John Handy

**Skiing**

Coach: Mike Wieland

**ANDRIA ALVAREZ & JOHN HANDY**

Andria had two 1st place, two 2nd place, and two 3rd place finishes in eight races. Handy came up big in meets with Mt. Pleasant and Clare. The team used all eight of his races for scoring, averaging a 3.7 finish.



# Vikes score 84 in win over G's

► Varsity boys basketball squad defeats Gladwin 84-55 in Grayling

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School poured in 84 points in a 29-point non-conference victory over Gladwin in last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game at GHS.

(The Flying G's of Gladwin were in the North East Michigan Conference last year, but they are now a part of the Jack Pine Conference.)

Grayling jumped out to a 7-0 lead early on a triple by Gibson Fobin, a shot inside by Joe Lange, and a drive by Tobin.

The Vikings scored 11 more points in the first period on two baskets by Adam Kaiser, a jump shot by Andy Strohpaal, a drive by Chad Helsel, and free throws by Helsel and Roger Alvarez.

GHS led 18-13 after one quarter of play.

Grayling's offense exploded for 30 points in the second quarter.

The Vikings hit six three-pointers in the period — three by Tobin and one each by Greg Morrill, Alvarez, and Strohpaal. Grayling was 8 for 8 at the free throw line with Tobin and Alvarez each knocking down 4

of 4 at the stripe. Joe Zelek and Kaiser each had a field goal for GHS in the period.

With the big second quarter, Grayling led 48-24 at halftime.

The Vikings outscored the G's 18-13 in the third period to add to their lead. Grayling scored its 18 on a triple by Helsel, a drive by Tobin, jump shots by Morrill and Lange, two shots inside by Roy Czapek, and five points by Kaiser.

The game ended with an 18-18 fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored 18 on a three-point play by Czapek, a jumper by Phil Armstrong, a shot inside by Morrill, a jump shot by Zelek on a pass from Armstrong, and free throws by Morrill (4 for 4) and Strohpaal.

Grayling won by a final score of 84-55.

Tobin led GHS in points, rebounds, and assists in the match with 20, 6, and 5, respectively. Morrill and Kaiser each finished with 11 points, and Alvarez had 10.

On defense, Lange had 5 blocked shots. Tobin and Kaiser each had 6 steals.

"I was pleased with our progress in this game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We did some very nice things offensively as far as locating the open player and delivering the basketball to them in a position that they could score. Our intensity was also very good. Our kids did a nice

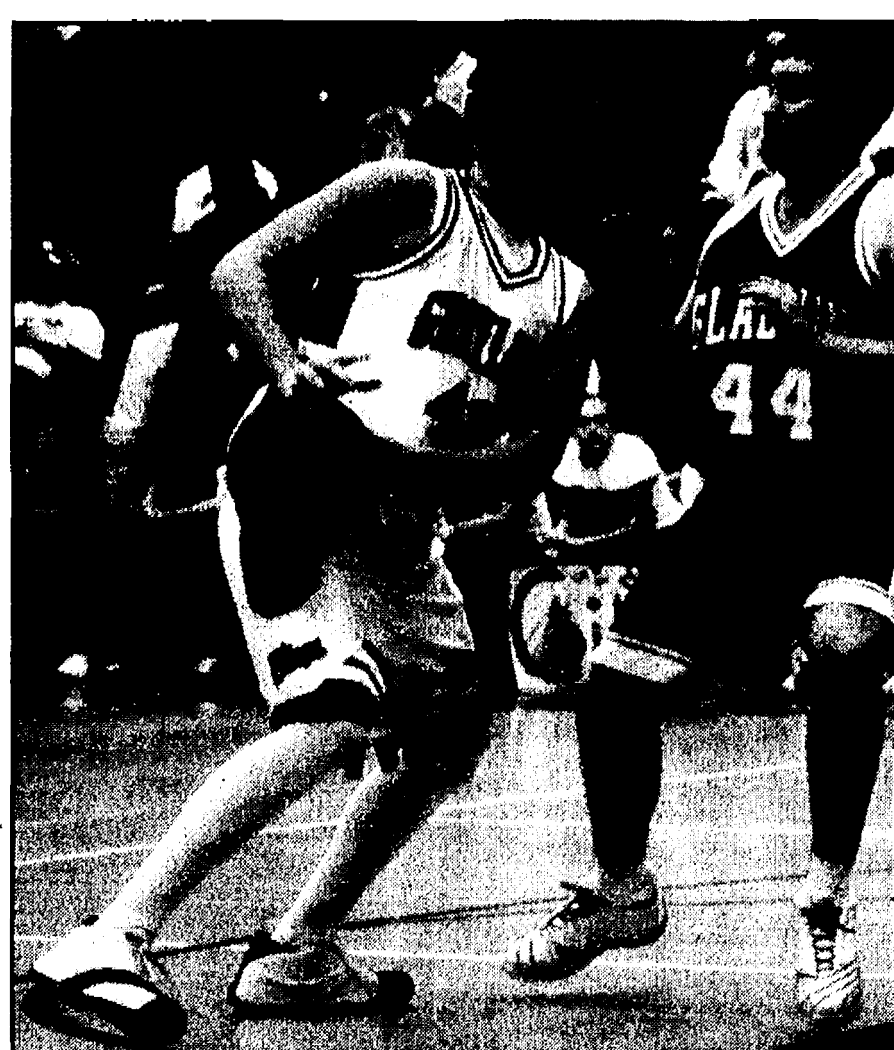


Photo by Caleb Casey  
Greg Morrill handles the ball at the top of the key in Tuesday's victory over Gladwin.

job of pressuring the ball in our man to man and our trapping defense."

"We did not have a very good practice on Monday," Coach Moffit added. "I think our kids were disappointed in their effort on Monday since we kicked them out of practice after an hour. The kids answered the challenge tonight as far as

improving each and every day that we are on the court together."

"We have some huge league games coming up and we need to continue to improve in all facets of the game. We have a long ways to go and our work ethic is going to dictate how good we are at the end of the year," Moffit said.

## Grayling leads the NEMC at 5-0

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Grayling scored its 13 second quarter points on a triple by Chad Helsel, a fast break lay-up by Adam Kaiser, a put-back by Travis Helsel, and free throws by Kaiser, Lange, and Roger Alvarez.

At the half, Grayling led 23-17.

The Vikings edged Ogemaw 18-15 in the third period. Grayling's third quarter scoring included a triple by Kaiser, a lay-up by C. Helsel, a shot inside and a jumper by Lange, a jump shot by Andy Strohpaal, a triple by Greg Morrill, and a free throw by Tobin.

GHS ended the period with a three-pointer at the buzzer by Strohpaal. Strohpaal hit the shot after receiving a pass from Morrill, who tossed the ball in to his teammate while diving out of bounds to keep the ball in.

Grayling had a 41-32 lead going into the fourth quarter.

A lay-up by Strohpaal put GHS up by 11. A lay-up and a free throw by Ogemaw cut it to eight. A put-back by Czapek gave Grayling a 10-point lead with 5:25 left in the game.

West Branch scored the next two baskets to pull within six. A drive by Strohpaal and two free throws each by Lange and Tobin put GHS up 51-39 with 3:16 remaining.

A lay-up by Tobin on a pass from Kaiser and free throws by Kaiser and Czapek extended Grayling's advantage to 14, 55-41, with 1:35 left in the fourth quarter.

## Volleyball squad falls to 1-1 in league

In varsity girls volleyball action last week, Grayling High School lost a close league meet at Bay City John Glenn 2-0 by scores of 15-13 and 15-9.

The loss dropped Grayling's North East Michigan Conference record to 1-1.

"We led both games but couldn't hold on," Coach Angie Golnick said. "Our serving really hurt our chances of winning. I'm encouraged by the fact we are 1-1 in the conference. We have a chance of doing fairly well on the season."

Grayling player statistics in the Bay City meet included: Angeanette Lovely — 3 aces, 4 kills; Ashley Hawley — 16 blocks, 2 aces, 3 kills; Jamie Zelek — 2 aces, 3 kills; Heather Metzger — 8 assists, 4 kills; Hannah Hall — 1 ace, 2 kills.

The GHS volleyball teams will host the Bobcats of Houghton

NEMC			
VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS			
team	league record	overall record	
GRAYLING	5-0	6-2	
BC John Glenn	4-2	5-4	
Tawas	2-2	5-3	
Oscoda	2-3	5-3	
Standish Sterling	1-3	3-5	
Ogemaw Heights	1-3	2-5	
Pinconning	1-3	2-8	

NEMC standings compiled by  
The Bay City Times

A put-back and a lay-up after a full court pressure steal by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to 10. A triple and a two-point field goal by Ogemaw pulled the Falcons within six, 56-50, with

24 seconds left.

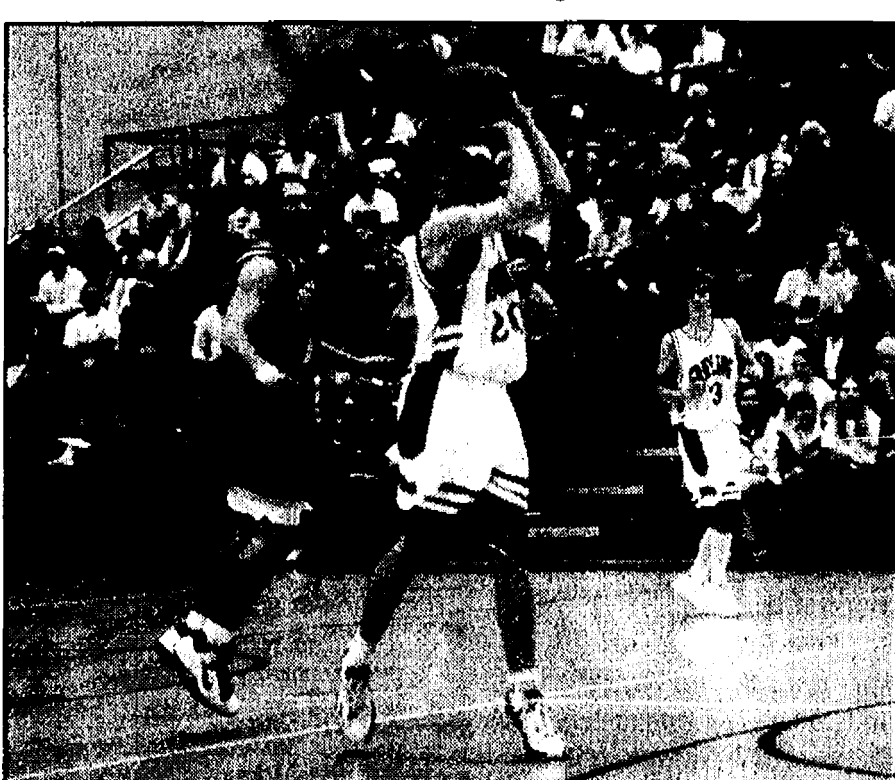
Ogemaw fouled to stop the clock. Tobin hit both free throws to put GHS ahead by eight.

West Branch scored a triple to pull within five with nine seconds left in the game.

Ogemaw fouled. With two seconds left, Strohpaal hit both free throws, resulting in a final score of Grayling 60, West Branch 53.

Strohpaal was the leading scorer for GHS with 12 points. Lange posted a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Kaiser scored 10 in the game. Tobin led the team in assists with 5, and Kaiser led the squad in steals with 5.

"We struggled throughout this game," said Coach Rich Moffit. "This game was a 'grinder.' Our kids grinded out a win. We



Andy Strohpaal shoots a three-pointer in the game against Ogemaw on Friday.

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# JV squad beats G's by 19

► Junior varsity team defeats Gladwin 54-35 in Grayling

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the Flying G's of Gladwin 54-35 in Grayling last Tuesday. The victory improved Grayling's season record to 7-0.

The Vikings got off to a strong start. Grayling opened the first quarter with a 10-0 run that included a three-point play by Josh Hinkle, two free throws by Josh Millikin, a shot inside by Bobby Starks, a free throw by Hinkle, and a put-back by Jess Bobenmoyer.

GHS scored 11 more points in the first period on jumpers by Hinkle and D.J. Metzger, a lay-up and a triple by Starks, and a shot inside by Matt Swope.

Grayling led 21-6 after one quarter of play.

In a low-scoring second quarter, Gladwin edged Grayling 8-7.

The Vikings scored their seven on lay-ups by Hinkle and Bobenmoyer, a jump shot by Hinkle, and a free throw by Millikin.

At halftime, Grayling had a



D.J. Metzger looks to pass in Tuesday night's game vs. Gladwin at GHS.

28-14 cushion.

After a slow second quarter, the Vikings outscored Gladwin 15-3 in the third period to take a 43-17 advantage into the fourth.

Grayling scored its 15 third quarter points on two drives and a triple by Hinkle, two drives by

Ryan Schmidt, a jumper by Metzger, and a shot inside by Millikin.

Gladwin made up some ground in the fourth quarter, but Grayling won the match by 19 points, 54-35.

Grayling's 11 points in the

fourth period were the result of two put-backs by Millikin, a shot inside and a lay-up by Russ Peters, a shot inside by Alex McNamara, and free throws by Millikin and Peters.

Hinkle was the high scorer for Grayling with 17 points.

## JV team 8-0 after 62-54 victory

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fast break lay-up by Starks gave GHS a 25-13 lead to open the second quarter. From there, Ogemaw went on an 11-0 run to pull within one with 3:21 left in the first half.

A lay-up by Hinkle put the Vikings up by three. A shot inside and two free throws by Ogemaw gave the Falcons a one-

point edge.

A drive by Hinkle, a jumper by Schmidt, and a shot inside by Schneider put Grayling up by five. A three-point play by Ogemaw cut the GHS lead down to two.

A three-pointer at the buzzer by Schmidt gave the Vikings a 37-31 advantage at halftime.

Grayling outscored West Branch 14-9 in the third period. The Vikings scored their 14 points on a put-back by Matt Swope, four free throws by Hinkle, a put-back and a drive by Ryan Davis, a drive by Schmidt, and a shot inside by Josh Millikin.

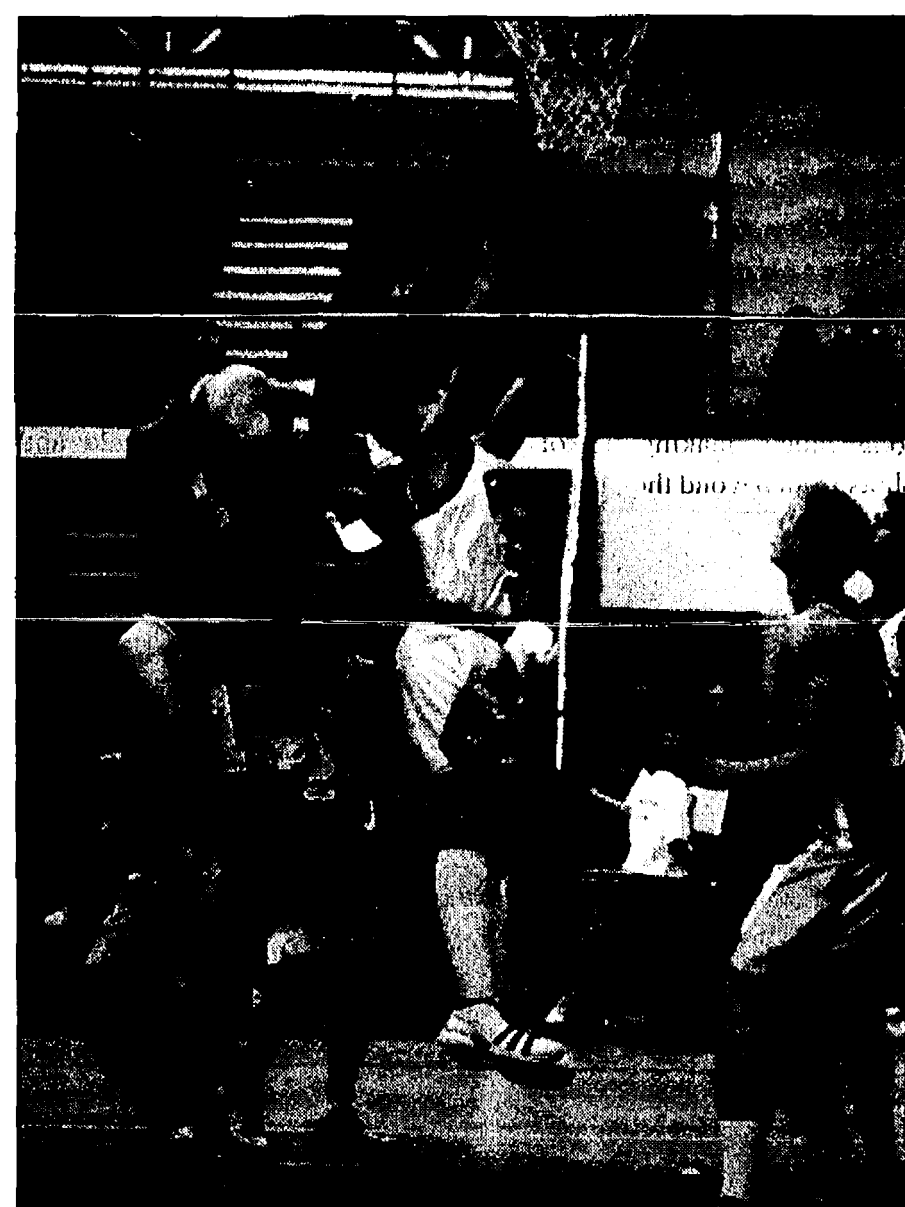
The Vikings took a 51-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

Ogemaw opened the period with a 7-0 run to get right back into it. A shot inside by Jess Bobenmoyer put Grayling up by six with 4:43 remaining.

A put-back and two free throws by Ogemaw cut Grayling's lead to two with just over three minutes on the clock.

A pair of free throws by Schmidt gave Grayling a four-point edge. With two free throws, West Branch pulled back within two.

A drive by Starks at the 2:07 mark put the Vikings back up by four. Two free throws by Hinkle on a one and one chance extended Grayling's lead to six. Ogemaw fouled to stop the clock. Davis hit one of two at the line to put GHS up by seven.



Matt Swope goes up for a shot inside in the West Branch game on Friday.

A free throw by West Branch cut Grayling's lead to six. Ogemaw did not score again. The Vikings scored two more points on free throws by Schmidt and Davis.

Hinkle blocked a West Branch shot, and Davis rebounded an Ogemaw miss to end the final

possession for the Falcons.

Grayling won 62-54.

Hinkle was the leading scorer for Grayling with 20 points. Schmidt finished with 14, and Starks scored 10. Ten Vikings scored in the match.

The JV team will play at Oscoda on Friday, January 24.

## 8th graders win two, lose one

In recent games, Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (white) team defeated Gaylord and West Branch Surline but lost to Roscommon.

On January 13, the Vikings won at home against the Gaylord Blue Devils 25-16.

Nick Parkinson scored 14 for Grayling in the win. Moses Peters, Jeremiah Bootz, Joel Collins, and Carlos Ledesma also had points for the Vikings in the match.

"We are still having problems protecting the ball and have to improve our ball handling," Coach Jim Burch said. "The team played well at times. We are rebounding better but have to improve our defense and foul shooting. I am pleased with their progress."

On January 9, Grayling routed West Branch Surline 44-6 in Grayling.

"The team played well both defensively and offensively,"

Coach Burch said. "Everyone contributed to the win. The team is improving with each game."

Parkinson led the scoring effort for GMS with 12 points. Peters had 9, and Terry Fraley scored 8. Collins, Bootz, Tim Hatley, Ledesma, Spencer Derenzy, and Dennis Nelson also scored for Grayling.

On January 8, Grayling lost to Roscommon 20-8 in Grayling.

Peters, Parkinson, and Pat Belcher scored the only GMS points in the contest.

"We did not protect the ball very well. Their press caused turnovers which turned into easy baskets. We were behind 16-1 at the half. We made some adjustments and played good defense and outscored them 7-4 in the second half," Coach Burch said. "I am proud of the way the team played in the second half."

The 8th grade team plays at Roscommon on Monday, January 27.

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# Wrestlers win 1, lose 1 in league meet

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Pratt (171) took 4th in his division. He was 3-2 at the tournament.

Malone (130), 3-2 at the tournament, placed 5th. "Adam wrestled strong and did a good job," Coach Ferguson said.

Rosecrans (215) finished 6th in his weight class and Gassman (152) placed 7th. Starks (189) and Emily Harvey (103) also scored team points for GHS.

"Most of the teams were from the southern part of the state," Coach Ferguson said. "It was a tough tournament and our kids wrestled up to the challenge."

The Vikings will compete in the Gaylord Invitational this Saturday.



Joel Wilson wrestles at Ithaca on Saturday. Wilson placed 2nd in his weight class at the 17-team tournament.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Mens Team

ROSCOMMON - A rare technical foul by the Kirtland Firebirds ignited a rally from 10 points back and Alpena won going away Saturday, 94-86.

"We've got to win that game," a dejected coach Glen Donahue said. His team was playing at home against its northern rival and led comfortably much of the way after a 12-2 start. But early in the second half, guard Jake Milarch was whistled for a technical for protesting an official's call. That's when Alpena began its comeback.

"We're up by 10 points. We've got to keep it going," Donahue said. "All of a sudden, they're scoring points with the clock stopped. But that hasn't been typical of our club. We just don't get technical fouls."

That, compounded by some critical errors at both ends of the court down the stretch, sealed the Firebirds' fate.

"We made too many mistakes down at the end to win the ballgame," Donahue said. "But give Alpena credit. They played well." Alpena singled the net from long range, making 13 of 24 shots from beyond the three-point line.

Justin Miller scored 23 points, Erik Parker had 16 points and 11 rebounds, Brent Wichtner had 18 points and Josh Walker added 12 for Alpena, 12-3 overall and 3-1 in the Michigan Community

College Athletic Association.

Sophomore center Alvaides Gedminas had 24 points and 11 rebounds and freshman forward Jeremy Rau had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Kirtland, while Reuben Edwards added 14 points and Milarch 13. Kirtland fell to 8-8 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

"It's just a matter of all of us getting it done together," Donahue said. "Hopefully, we'll be a much better team in a week or two."

### Womens Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland's Lady Firebirds finally played the game they've been looking for - and they couldn't have picked a better time.

Led by the stellar play at both ends of the court by sophomore guard Amy Jordan, the Ladybirds went on a second-half scoring rampage that carried them to an 88-56 victory Saturday over archrival Alpena.

The teams were tied, 37-37, at the intermission.

"It was a lot of fun, playing in this game," said Jordan, who finished with 17 points, a game-high 13 rebounds, eight steals and eight assists. "We really wanted to win this game. It's such a great rivalry."

Indeed, the game between Northern Michigan's only two college basketball programs featured several athletes well acquainted with one another.

Kirtland's Becca Miller and Jeni Kemp, teammates at Mio High, played against another teammate at Mio, Alpena freshman Joni Ames, as well as several other women who played together or against one another growing up in the region.

"Both teams were nervous," Kirtland coach Jimmy Parker said. "I think both sides were too keyed up to start the game."

With the game on the line, however, Kirtland played perhaps its best 20 minutes of basketball this season to end a four-game losing streak and earn its first win in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. The Ladybirds are 1-4 in the conference, 6-11 overall.

"That was the first time all year everything has come together for us," said Miller, the sophomore guard who serves as co-captain with Jordan. "We finally just put everything aside and played basketball. We didn't let every little thing bother us like we have been."

Sophomore center Jillian Schultz, in one of her most inspired performances, finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds. She also hit 11 of 15 free throws. Free-throw shooting has been Kirtland's Achilles heel all season, but the women made 34 of 51 attempts from the line to help

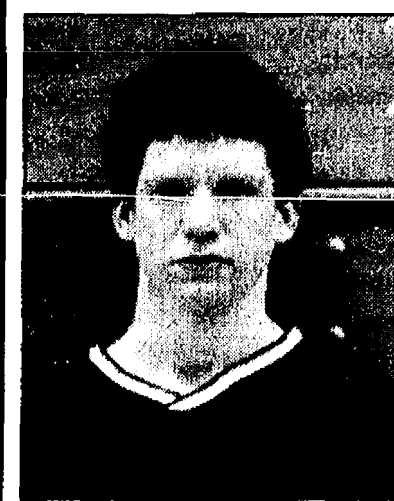
build the big, second-half cushion.

Miller finished with 12 points and Kemp had 11, with eight rebounds.

Charina Stewart had 17 points and Joni Ames had 15 for Alpena, 2-13 and 0-4.

### Wendy's

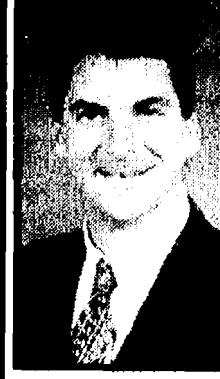
#### Viking of the Week



Wrestling  
Coach: Don Ferguson  
**JOEL WILSON**

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# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 9th day of December 2002 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:31 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Banda.

Members Absent: Moshier.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Caleb Casey, Steve Langseth, Nancy Hunt.

Public Hearing, None

Approval of Consent Agenda.

a. A. NEMCOG minutes of October 24, 2002 meeting.

b. MML Legislative Conference Registration information.

c. City Police Department training schedule.

d. Miller Canfield - Certificate of no referendum.

e. MML Fax Alert.

f. FY2003 Revenue Sharing Chart.

g. Grayling Police Department Monthly Report - November 2002.

h. Fire Department Monthly Report - November 2002.

i. MDOT - Notice of Pre-Construction Meeting.

02-204

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes.

02-025

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2002 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

02-026

Moved by Banda, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2002, be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Old Business.

a. Integrity Construction sent in a construction report to give an update on the progress of the new City Hall.

b. Council is recommended that the Building Committee make recommendations for Interior Design and office furniture. Hayes commented that he would like for Michele to give her input with the Building Committee.

\*Moshier now present (7:40 P.M.)

c. Steve Langseth touched on what he has been doing for the city and a concept for advertising the industrial park "On the way from anywhere" trying to reinforce our central location.

d. Bonds will be sold the day of the first meeting in January so that the Council can approve the sale at that meeting.

02-207

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2003A General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Allen Lowe, Dave Wyman, Dennis Palmer, Doug Duby and Steve Doyle will meet to decide what kind of Engineer would meet the City's needs and then make a recommendation.

f. City Manager presented a sample application for requests for income tax money for capital improvements to be completed by anyone requesting money for projects, similar to a grant application.

New Business

a. Allen has been talking with someone at the MSU Extension about a Recreation Plan, there are grants available.

b. Wyman and Moshier along with the City Manager and City Treasurer will meet with the Auditors. We have improved since last year but there were 2 areas of major concern; water and sewer fees and the unfounded unfunded liability.

c. Water/Sewer Fees will increase in January of 2003.

02-208

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes to increase water and sewer rates as follows: Water: \$1.30/1000 gallons, Sewer: \$3.15/1000 gallons, Sewer Only: \$70.00, Administration Fee \$7.00, Reconnection Fee: \$20.00, Water Tap: \$1,000 and Sewer Tap \$800.00. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Unfunded Liability

02-209

Motion by Banda, seconded by Hayes to apply \$150,000 towards the unfunded liability. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Appointments

02-210

Motion by Banda, seconded by Moshier to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Lamie to the Planning Commission to fill the seat vacated by Dennis Palmer. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

02-211

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to appoint Tom Wellman to another term on the Parks Committee. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

02-212

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Moshier to approve the appointment of Kim McClain to another term on the Planning Commission. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Nancy Hunt would like to see more bathrooms in the City Park (so they don't have to use Spike's) and she would like to be able to obtain a sprinkling meter for watering in the Spring. She also inquired as to where the City Council will be meeting and about the alley way next to Spike's.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee

ZBA:

\*There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2002.

Planning Commission:

\*Approved plans for a Dental Clinic at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Penninsular.

\*Tom Kirk wants to put up a Pole Barn, he needs to go to ZBA.

\*Planning Commission believes that there is a mistake on the Zoning Map that was printed.

\*Approved the site plans for Jamison's office building on the Business Loop.

\*Appointed Mary Ann Ferrigan as the new Chairperson.

Parks Committee:

\*Working hard on the ice rink.

\*Having problems with the lights on the figures in the City Park, working on having the problem fixed.

Reports from Manager and Council Members.

\*We will have the deed from State of Michigan for the land for City Hall on December 19, 2002.

\*Revenue Sharing.

\*Increase of pay for the Prison Crew.

\*There is a Manager's meeting in East Tawas on December 17, 2002 if the Council would like for him to bring back information on their Community Center.

Council Members Reports:

\*Palmer inquired about the parking lot for sale at Shoppenagons. He talked with Chief Schreiner about his plans for training for the Police Department.

\*Moshier inquired about a new facility range for Police training at Camp Grayling.

\*Hayes stated that he thinks we are about 30 years behind the times.

\*Banda commented that the television show "The 70's Show" has made reference to Grayling.

Adjournment

02-213

Moved by Banda, seconded by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 93 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 20/100 dollars (\$34,131.20), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 26, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 Degree 33

minutes East, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the Southeastly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along river, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along river, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along river, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree, 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above description of land is the combination of Parcels A and E of Survey recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of Parcel A of Survey recorded in Liber 153, page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 23, 2003

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200018865

Team J

-23-30-06-13

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

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File # 200234122

Team J

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.

As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 224-0507

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4 "Martha M. Brink's Addition" according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's Addition, excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Centex Home Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee

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Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 195-0212

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

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File No. 195-0212

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kent E. Bowman and Carmela C. Bowman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 29, 1996, and recorded on September 3, 1996 in Liber 417 on Page 213 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 82/100 dollars (\$105,718.82), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on February 19, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof, 424.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 35 minutes West 137.2 feet, to the center of roadway; thence South 52 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 174 feet to the P.O.B.; thence South 82 degrees 47 minutes East along center of roadway, 60 feet; thence South 33 degrees 04 minutes East 567.5 feet, to the Northerly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 59 degrees 32 minutes West along said bank, 200 feet; thence North 18 degrees 36 minutes West 616.8 feet, to P.O.B.; said tract includes all land to the waters edge, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2003

For information, please call:

Team W (248) 593-1312

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Attorneys and Counselors

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File # 200310462

Team W

-16-23-30-06

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH

Anthony J. Ballingash and Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs

v William H. Parker and Tonya L. Parker, Defendants

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 24, 1980

Karyn Reynolds of Grayling was moved up to the Elite Program of the United States Ski Association Central Division following Region III competition. This program is the "feeder" system for ski teams leading up to Olympic and World Cup competition.

The Grayling Vikes tacked two more wins onto their unbeaten streak (now 10), toppling Kalkaska with a 70-43 win.

Viking matmen journeyed to Clare to compete in the 8-team Clare Invitational and came home with a 4th place team finish. Burt Partello copped his 5th tournament championship of the season, and Tim Jones also brought home a first place medal. Second place finishes went to Dave Pettit, Tim Ferrigan and Steve Allen.

Requests for an estimated \$35,000 in additional county dollars in 1980 met members of the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting of the year.

The county ended up \$118,000 in the red last year.

Gustaw Konopnicki of Grayling was selected to serve

as volunteer staff race official at the 1980 Winter Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid.

Over 100 guests attended the open house at Lovells Township Hall. Many enjoyed touring the Fire Hall and the remodeled Township Hall.

Amy Hough was the winner of the fourth grade first semester Spelldown. Amy received a trophy and the rest of the 15 participants were presented with spelling award certificates.

Seventh and eighth grade "A" basketball teams both recorded victories over Harrison. Barsie Cross hit for 16 points with Mick Lovely adding nine.

The Federal volunteer agency, ACTION, has awarded a \$19,833 grant to the Crawford County Commission on Aging. This will be matched with \$12,573 in local non-federal funds and will go toward funding a Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

William C. Bye of Frederic has been named Outstanding Airman of the quarter at Whiteman Air Force Base.

### 46 Years Ago January 24, 1957

Elaine Goss, Grayling High School senior is the new 1957

Grayling Winter Sports Queen. Serving on the queen's court will be Barbara Cornell, Bethany Koerber, Micky Mikesell and Kay Ann Parkinson.

Another county landmark is gone. The house on the "old Funck farm" burned to the ground Wednesday.

The house was built about 60 years ago by Henry Funck. The Funcks came here from New York City in the spring of 1874, to settle on a government claim of 160 acres awarded to a Civil War veteran.

The Funcks had run a boarding house in New York City and knew very little about farming. There were no roads. A road had to be cut and guide found to locate the property. Mr. Funck walked to Roscommon to work and home at night. He cut wood at 45 cents a cord and carried what groceries he could buy.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Grayling High School is Barbara Cornell. She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking.

Conservation Department officials are working out the details of a proposed "parks use sticker" program which would help to finance Michigan's state parks. They agreed to ask the Legislature

for authority to establish a \$2 per automobile annual fee for state park visitors.

### 69 Years Ago January 25, 1934

The Ninth Annual Winter Sports Carnival is now a matter of history, and a new red-letter occasion is indelibly written into the records of this annual Grayling event. The weather was ideal and there was a general let-loose for a good time. Over 10,000 visitors gathered for the event.

Just a lone point marked Grayling Lumberjacks for the winners in a game played at Gaylord Tuesday when they defeated the Gaylord Independents. The score was 26-25.

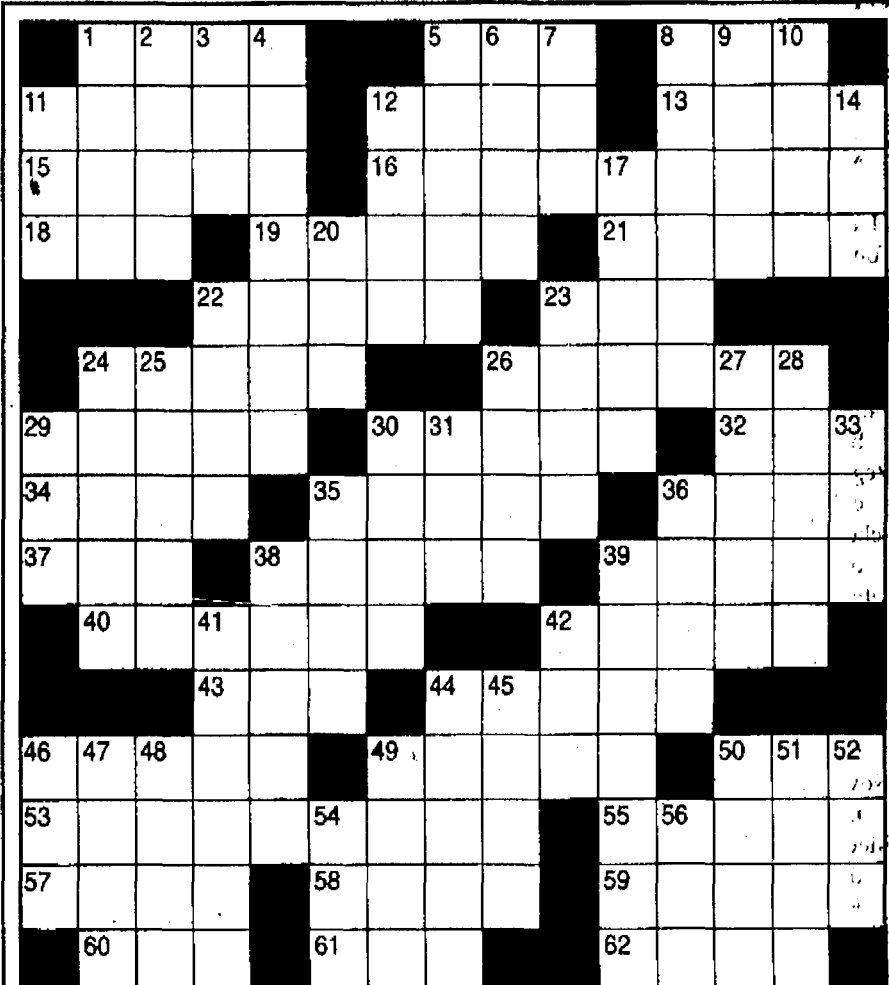
On January 12, the neighbors of Maple Forest had a wood-bee at Hemming Petersens'. The men brought and buzzed the wood, and the ladies helped furnish the dinner.

### 92 Years Ago January 23, 1911

Thermometers registered 38 degrees Thursday, and the snow perceptibly settled.

The M.C.R.R. moved 313 cars of logs south from Wolverine on Sunday, and the blockade is a long ways from being cleared away, and our trainmaster, V.W. Lankey is the busiest man in town.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Unimaginative
- Manipulate fraudulently
- Ship's initials
- Lover's lane
- Pronoun preceding "shall"
- colada (cocktail)
- Put by
- Like cubic zirconia
- Jungfrau or Weisshorn
- Enlarges a hole
- Unprofessional
- Sculptor George
- howl
- Joint venture
- Beginning
- Composition from King David
- Cassoulet ingredients
- Type of doll
- Wild animals, collectively
- Brag
- FDR's pooch
- Ripen
- Rainbow fish
- Famed fabulist
- Job's predecessor, in the OT
- Hexagonal wrench

- Old World: abbr.
- Like the milk of an old adage
- Apian horde
- Carnivals
- Feather scarf
- Registers for saving's accounts
- Freight carrier
- Stake
- "Spanish \_\_\_\_" (Herb)
- Alpert hit
- Man artistry
- Benzene source
- Want \_\_\_\_
- Reagan and Moody

### DOWN

- Make a phone call
- Confirm, in a way
- Drink for Andy Capp
- Efficiency apartment's lack
- Poesy
- Electrified particles
- Kind of feeling
- Turns over, in a way
- Locale
- Hair-raising sound?
- Skinny \_\_\_\_ rail (2 wds.)
- Dictator
- Deed
- Tells without telling

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



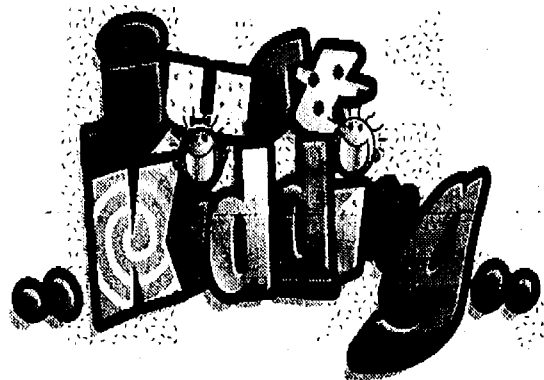
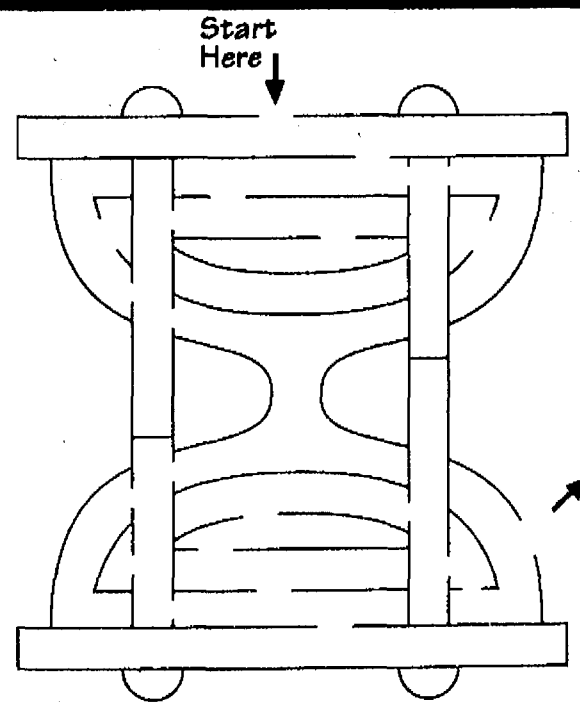
### Fruity Philadelphia® Freeze

- 12 Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, crushed
- 2 tubs (8 oz. each) Philadelphia Strawberry Cream Cheese Spread
- 1 can (12 oz.) frozen raspberry juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 tub (16 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed

PRESS crushed cookies onto bottom of

9-in. square pan lined with foil. PLACE cream cheese and juice concentrate in blender or food processor container; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into large bowl. Add whipped topping; stir with wire whisk until blended. POUR over crust. Freeze until firm, about 4 hr. Remove 15 min. before serving. Serve with fresh fruit, if desired.

## MAZE



### DID YOU KNOW

The word barometer is derived from the Greek word baros, or weight. Thus a barometer is a device for measuring the weight of atmosphere.

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BOWL CANDLE CUP FORK GLASS KNIFE NAPKIN PLACE MAT PLATE SAUCER SPOON TABLECLOTH

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

V P B E W R T S H J  
E L W P G H G P K L  
T A B L E C L O T H  
Q C O A E R A O T Y  
R E W T P O S N I U  
E M L E L K S W K J  
C A N D L E S D N H  
U T A S N A P K I N  
A C F O R K U W F N  
S V B U I O C P E M

## Adopt a Pet



Mika is a spayed female black lab. She is approximately 10 months old and still a puppy at heart. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opy, Cat-Opy, Wild Animal-Opy and Ocean-Opy are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opy game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche Office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 23, 2003



December 22 - January 19

An offer will soon be on the table. Question anything you do not understand and look at it from every angle before accepting it.



March 21 - April 19

Someone close to you may have a dependency problem. Make every effort to intervene and offer guidance and support as needed.



June 22 - July 22

With the completion of a home improvement project, you have more time on your hands. Put your time, and talent, to good use with a new hobby.



September 23 - October 22

A dispute between loved ones may get out of hand. Be prepared to step in and mediate. A small matter at work will soon be resolved.



April 20 - May 18

Your patience will be tested this week. Regroup by taking a break from the action. Don't be afraid to ask others for help.



May 21 - June 21

Rejuvenation is on the agenda this week. Unwind with an activity you enjoy or revive your spirits with a good book.



July 23 - August 22

Now is not the time to make a hasty decision at home. Get the facts first and do some research. Pay more attention to your diet.



October 23 - November 21

Romance is in the air. Plan something special for your loved one. You may suffer a financial setback, but it's only temporary.



November 19 - December 18

You have been distracted this week, and your friends have noticed. Make up for your behavior with a small get-together.



January 19 - February 18

No matter what you do, you can't seem to make any headway at work. Don't fret. A few days off will make all the difference.



February 19 - March 18

An older friend is having a difficult time adjusting to a new environment. Have a homecoming party with some familiar faces.



March 19 - April 18

Your supervisor is something to discuss with your friends. Listen carefully and consider all of the options before making a decision.

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
1/15	18	8	2.5						
1/16	15	10	2.5						
1/17	22	-1	.5	High 8	High 13	High 17	High 20	High 27	High 28
1/18	14	0		Low -3	Low 0	Low 1	Low 6	Low 5	Low 12
1/19	20	10	3						
1/20	15	6	4	Snow/Wind	Snow/Wind	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy
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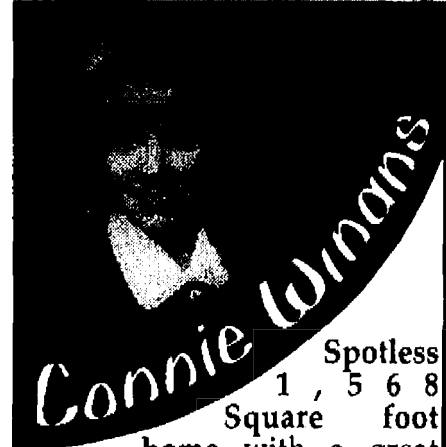


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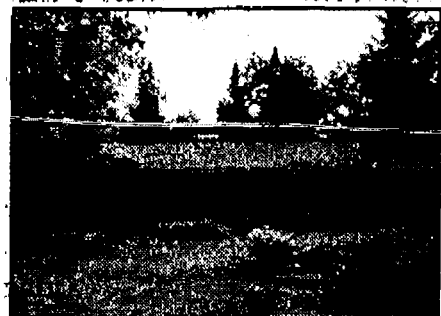
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**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$58,000



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES** WITH additional 2 lots available for \$6,050 each. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



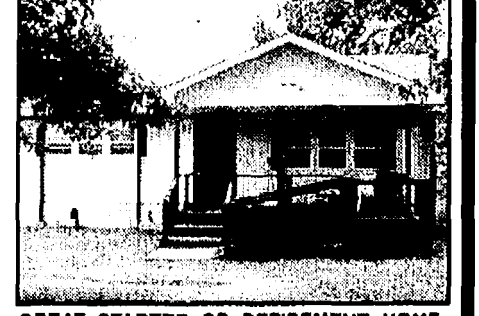
**THIS 2 BEDROOM**, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Kitchen offers lots of cabinets. Large utility room with storage. 2 car detached garage with carport and apron. 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$54,900



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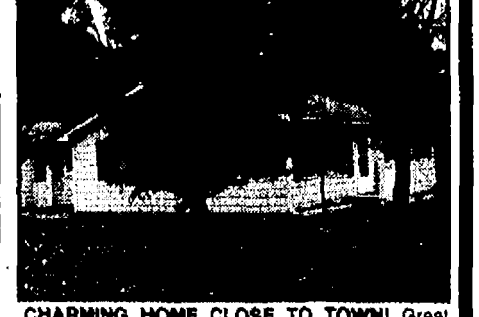
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**CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 BR, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000

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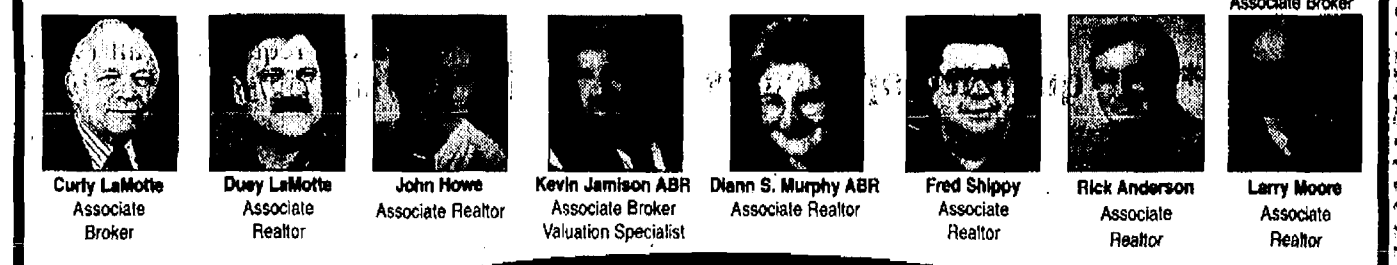
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**Perfect Weekend Cabin!** Great 2BR, 1 bath weekend cabin on 5 acres. Large 24' x 32' garage with a 12' x 24' lean-to. Property adjoins state land to the East and West. Excellent area for snowmobiling. \$42,900 #223417



**Charming Full-Log Cabin!** Charming 3BR, 1 bath log cabin on 1.19 acres with many updates, including ceramic tile and newer carpet. Close to ski park and easy-on, easy-off the expressway. 2-car garage with in and out access doors. \$72,500 #224088



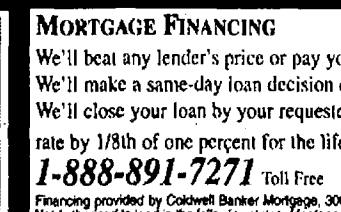
**City Home with Extra Lot!** 3 bedroom, 1 bath "City" home with extra lot. Needs a little TLC, has basement and new metal roof. \$34,000 #224576



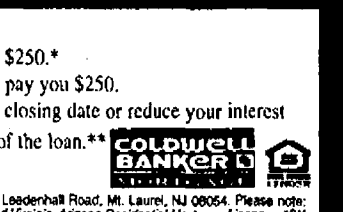
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**Cute Little Mobile Close to State Land!** The perfect 2 BR, 1 bath starter home or weekend get-away. Ready to move into. Close to state land and Higgins Lake. Also includes a 16' x 20' shed for your toys. \$24,900 #223752



**Charming Country Chalet!** Charming 3BR country chalet on 2 1/2 acres. Two full baths, beautiful master suite with loft that overlooks living room, large deck, 24 x 28 heated garage. Close to state land. \$122,500 #223639



**Charming Half Log!** Beautiful 1/2 log home. 3 bedrooms, with possible 4th, 2 baths, full basement with easy access to set up game room, 24' x 28' garage with 6' x 28' shed and wood storage. Fireplace with insert, knotty pine interior, all on 2.8 acres. \$94,500 #223592



**Spacious, Private, Situated on Over 5 Acres!** This spacious 3 BR home is situated on a very private 5.5+ acre parcel with an abundance of wildlife. Set land is your neighbor. Home offers many features, including garden tub, large deck to enjoy the evening watching the deer, family room, 2-year old pole building, dog pen, shed for extra storage, log hunting blind, appliances and more. Furniture is negotiable. \$149,900 #223592



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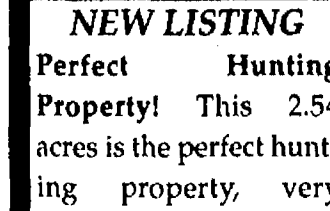
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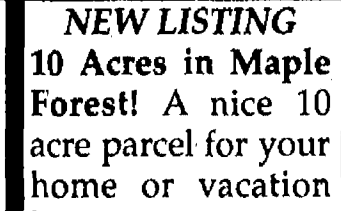
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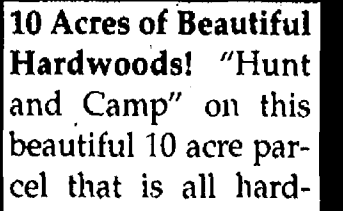
**Walk to Lake Margrethe!** This is a good location, as Lake Margrethe is just down the road from the property. 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile is older with large yard, being sold "as is." Not a drive-by, priced to sell. \$28,900 #223493



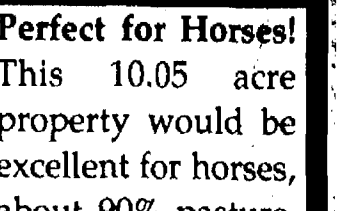
**NEW LISTING**  
**Perfect Hunting Property!** This 2.54 acres is the perfect hunting property, very wooded, with state land just 300' to the North. Includes a 30' travel trailer, and electric is nearby. \$14,900 #224909



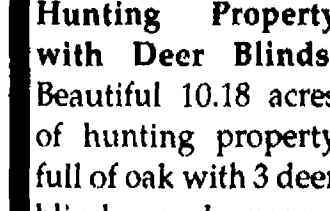
**NEW LISTING**  
**10 Acres in Maple Forest!** A nice 10 acre parcel for your home or vacation house. A great spot for a mini-farm in the snowbelt, yet close to I-75. \$26,900 #224910



**10 Acres of Beautiful Hardwoods!** "Hunt and Camp" on this beautiful 10 acre parcel that is all hardwoods. Small building/shed on property. 5th wheel is negotiable. \$25,500 #224444



**Perfect for Horses!** This 10.05 acre property would be excellent for horses, about 90% pasture, possible sight for pond - private off the main road. \$21,000 #223991



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# 3. Employment

**REGISTERED NURSES** Extended Care Facility - Eden Alternative Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Registered Nurses for a full time and part-time positions in our extended care facility. Mercy Manor, an Eden Alternative facility is known for the quality of care that it provides to the residents as well as respect for the staff. We offer a competitive salary and an excellent fringe benefit package including medical, dental, vision, life, long term disability, pension, 403B and flexible spending accounts and more. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone number (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485 e-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-16-23/3)

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**REGISTERED NURSE** The Michigan Department of Corrections is looking for individuals to fill Registered Nurse positions in the Saginaw and Standish areas. The pay range for a Registered Nurse is \$38,000 to \$48,000 annually, plus shift differential and 13 paid holidays. The State of Michigan offers a wide range of benefits: health, vision, dental and 401K. Candidates must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen, TB test and criminal history check. Candidates must possess a Michigan license. If a Reasonable Accommodation is needed in Order to participate in the interview process, please contact the Saginaw Correctional Facility Personnel at (989) 695-9880. Submit resumes to: Ron Van Sumeren, 4657 West Industrial Dr., Kincheloe, MI 49788. A Drug Free and Equal Opportunity Employer. (-23/3)

# 3. Employment

**JOB OPENING:** Kenquest House, a 24 hour residential care center is looking for a motivated trustworthy person to fill full or part time positions as team leaders. Team leaders perform job duties similar to a "house parent". The current position available is 2 weekends per month, Saturday at 9 a.m. until Sunday at 9 p.m. Sleeping accommodations are available because this is a 24 hour shift. You also will attend a weekly team meeting, usually Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and be a second staff person two Sunday's (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) per month. Hours will vary but full time is typically 35 to 40 hours with full time, after 90 days probation, health insurance and personal days are available. Must have minimum of high school diploma prefer Associate or Bachelor Degree in Human Service or Health Care related field. Contact Eileen to schedule an interview, phone (989) 348-5922 Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (-23/3)

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# 4. Services Offered

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# 5. For Sale

**THREE HORSES KING** Nine-year-old Quarterhorse Gelding Sorrel good temperament. Spot in right eye. Needs good home. \$1,000. Jaylee-13-year-old Appaloosa Registered Mare Chestnut, beautiful horse handles very well good temperament \$1,900. Blizzard 12-year-old thoroughbred Gelding Grey Dapple handles well. \$1,400 (989) 348-5491 ask for Bart. (23-30-6-13/5)

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**AMISH LOG BED** and queen pillowtop mattress set. New in plastic. Cost \$900, sacrifice for \$225. Call (989) 539-3910 or (989) 429-0062. (-23/5)

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# 6. Wanted

**FOLKS INTERESTED** in Model Railroading. First meeting, Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m. Location: Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M-72 West. Any questions (989) 348-1185 (-23-30/6)

# 7. Miscellaneous

**4 X 8 Lighted Signs** and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

# 8. Announcements

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# 7. Miscellaneous

**FOUND** Ladies Diamond ring at Spikes Keg O'Nails on the weekend of January 17. Call (989) 348-7113, ask for Nancy. (-23/7)

# 8. Announcements

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Wednesday Burger and Beer Special. \$4.50 (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

**MARGRETHEVILLE** Thursday is our Rib Night special. Take out available. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

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**MARGRETHEVILLE** Live dinner music with Matt Winans Friday night from 6-9. Open mic starting at 9. (989) 348-8932 M-72 West at M-93, Grayling. (-23/8)

**GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S** Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. Jan. 22 & 23 D.J. Cal, Jan. 24 & 25 Back Talk, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 Sweet Talk Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts. \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz, \$5. (-23-30/8)

# 2. For Rent

**ANY NON-PROFIT** or government agency wishing to bid on local FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Emergency Food and Shelter Funds must submit a proposal and certification forms to the Crawford County Family Independence Agency by January 31, 2003. Crawford County has been awarded a grant of \$8,233. Funds will be divided based on proposals meeting criteria to assist local residents with emergency food and shelter, supplementing or extending existing programs. If interested, contact Cynthia Pushman at (989) 344-5121 for the appropriate forms. (-23-30/8)

**LIVE BAND THIS SUNDAY** "LIVID" Margretheville. Soon to be the Old Barn. (-23/8)

**SUPER BOWL, SUNDAY BASH** at Margretheville. Drink and food specials. Prizes and fun for everyone. Come join us. (-23/8)

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# 9. Personals

## REWARD

## Lost Dog

Lost Sunday Morning  
January 19<sup>TH</sup> in the  
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5 Month Old Brindle  
(Light and Dark Stripes)  
Male Boxer  
White on one side of lip and nose  
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**PRAYER To the Holy Spirit**, You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this three consecutive days without asking for a wish. After third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3x (-23/9)

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Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE** 2 Dr., Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp! #4728-1  
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Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

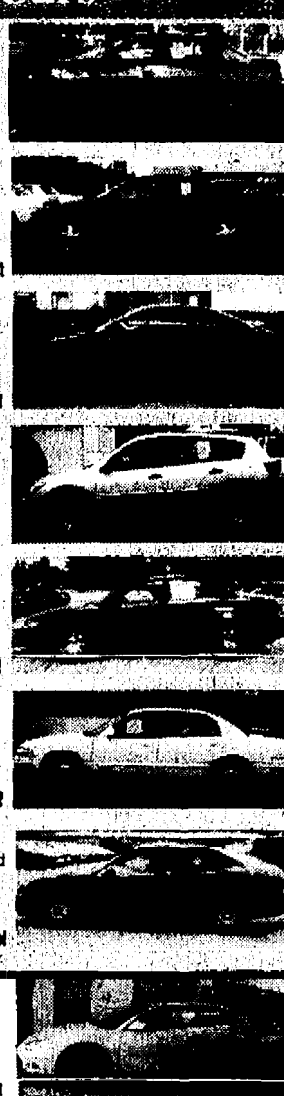
**2003 PONTIAC VIBE** Auto, air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #14944  
Was \$17,988  
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**2000 BUICK REGAL** GS, Top of the line, leather, sunroof, a beautiful car! #19135-1  
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**1998 FORD TAURUS** GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1  
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**2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4 4 DR.** LT Model! Very clean and nice. Full power! #19367-1  
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**1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4X4** Sportside, V8, Very Nice! Lots of eye appeal! #4073  
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**2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4** V6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4967  
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**2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO** Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter! #4938  
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Was \$31,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB** 2 Wheel Drive, Auto. with air! V-6 with only 10,000 miles! #4899  
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**1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4** LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718  
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**1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT** Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923  
Was \$12,988  
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**2001 DODGE DURANGO 4X4** Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902  
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Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!

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**2000 FORD WINDSTAR** SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1  
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**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4** SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4916  
Was \$15,988  
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**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB** 2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

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Was \$18,488  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD EXPLORER** 2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19087-1  
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Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

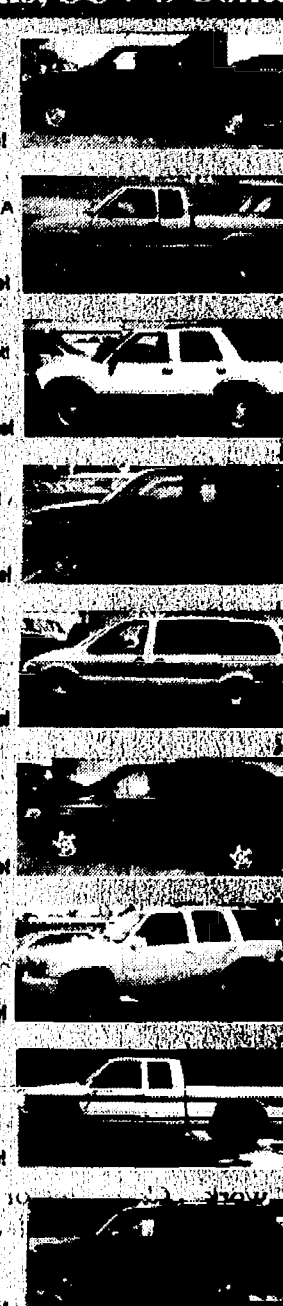
**2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS** With leather, only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4847  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA** Lots of extras and only 20,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969  
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**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE** WOW! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top Shelf! #4945  
Was \$33,988  
Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4X4** Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1  
Was \$16,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.** 4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940  
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Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!



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**1995 CHEVY C1500** 2 Wheel drive, V6, stick. Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 FORD RANGER REGULAR CAB** 2 Wheel drive "splash" stick with air. Really sharp! #19358-2  
Was \$4,988  
Blowout Price \$3,488 Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO** 6 cyl. nice! Ready for winter! #19186-3  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4** 4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles! #19528-1  
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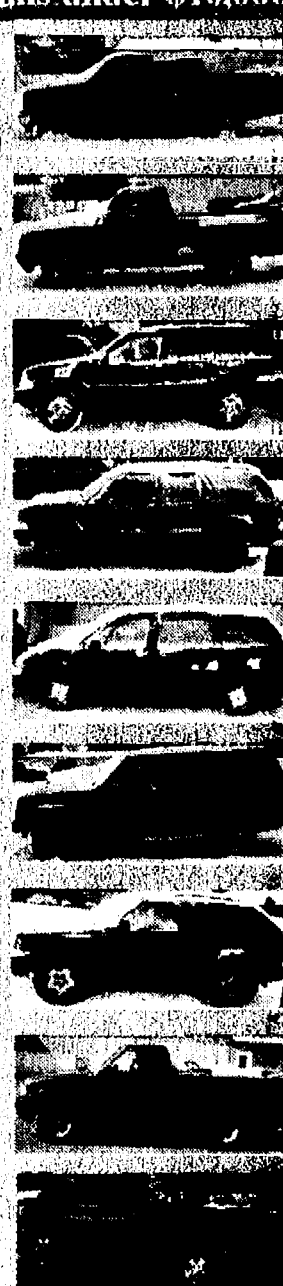
**1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN** Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1  
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**1996 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT 4X4** 4 dr., sport model, very clean and sharp! #19270-2  
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**1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4** 2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter! #19210-2  
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Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB** 2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883  
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Gale Enterprises.....	15 - 01	High Game: T. Sowinski, 268; D. Canfield, 265; J. Helsel, 244.		Hart Pontiac-GMC.....	12 - 04
Woody Girls'.....	13 - 03	<b>Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles</b>		North MI Financial.....	12 - 04
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High Series: V. Balmes, 502; M. Starks, 496; P. Terry, 481; S. Johnson, 481.		Shady Acres.....	12 - 23	High Series: S. Romain, 585; M. Miller, 527; T. Rock, 524.	
High Game: M. Starks, 213; V. Balmes, 187; P. Terry, 186; S. Harney, 186.		Calkins Excavating.....	07 - 28	High Game: S. Romain, 225; T. Rock, 214; D. Harris, 195.	
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